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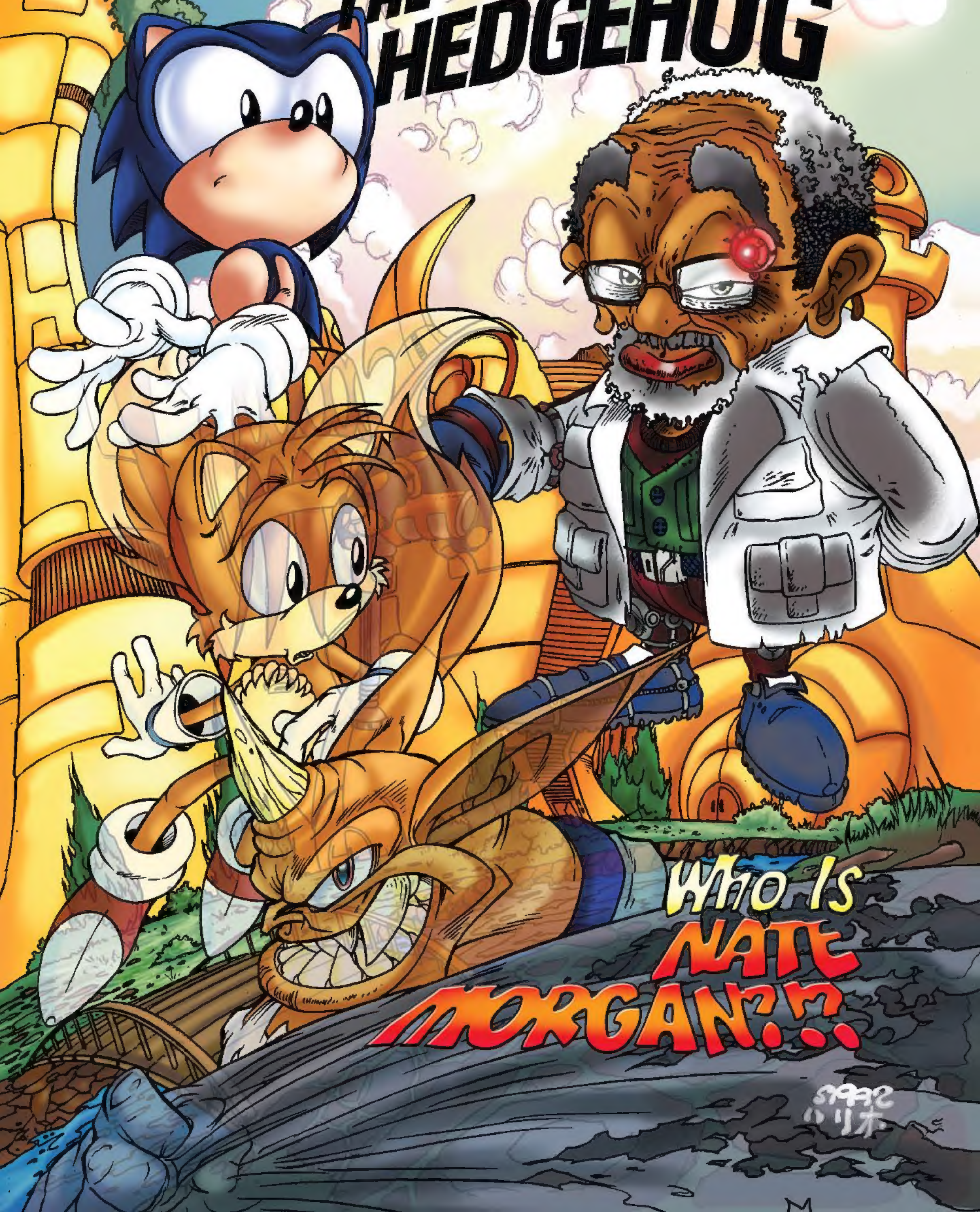
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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



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Who Is
**NATE
MORGAN???**

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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



I GUESS IT WAS
WISHFUL THINKING WHEN
I ASSUMED YOU'D BEEN
BURIED BY THAT AVALANCHE
FOR GOOD!*

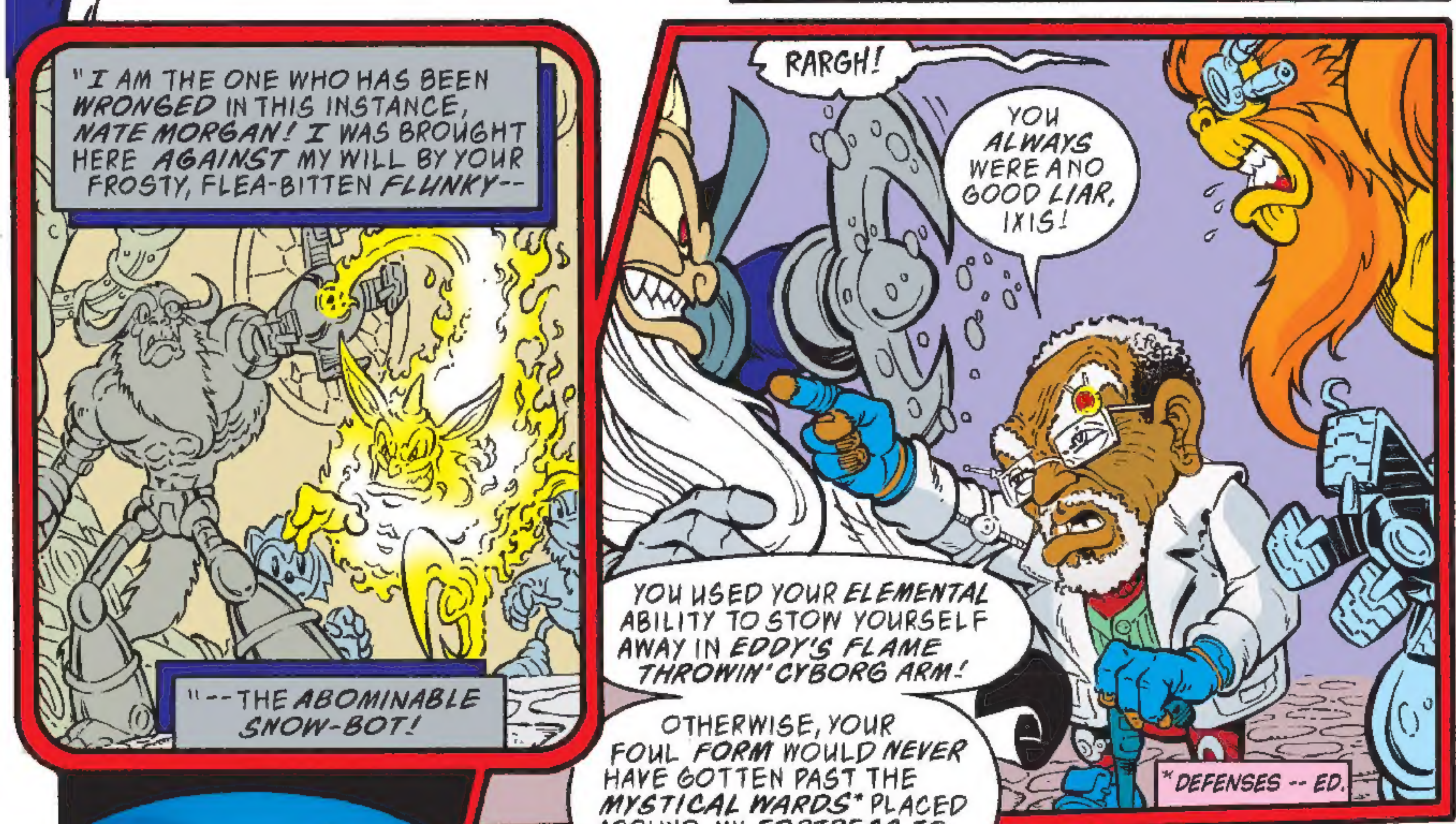
COME NOW, SONIC...DID
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT
SEVERAL TONS OF FALLING
SNOW COULD AFFECT A
SORCERER WHO, WITH A MERE
GESTURE, CAN TURN HIS ENTIRE
BODY TO EARTH, WIND, FIRE
OR WATER?

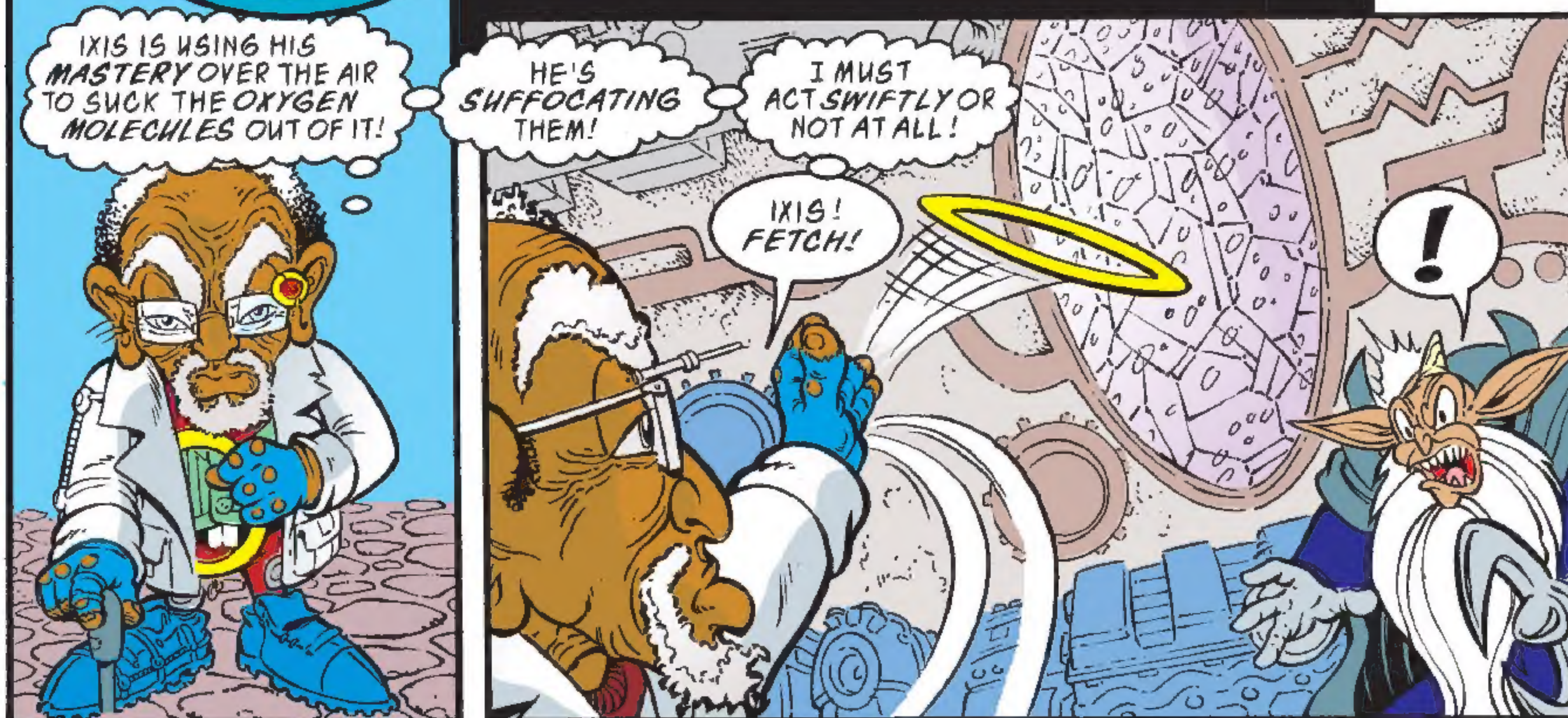
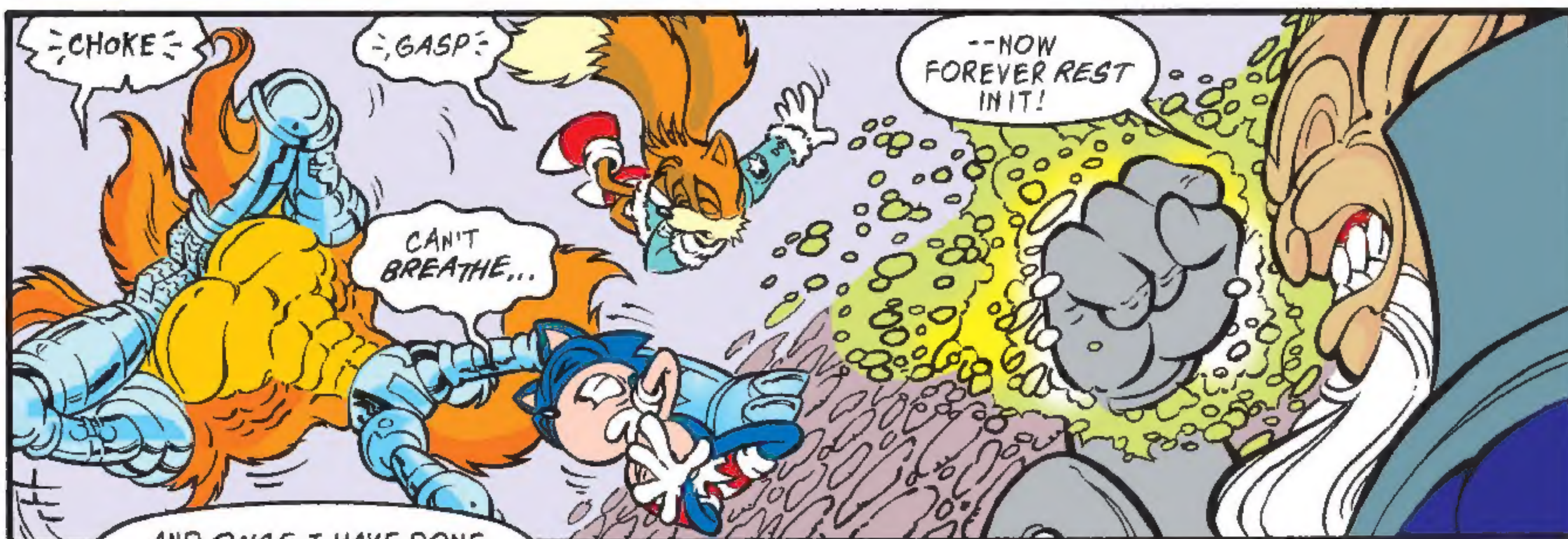
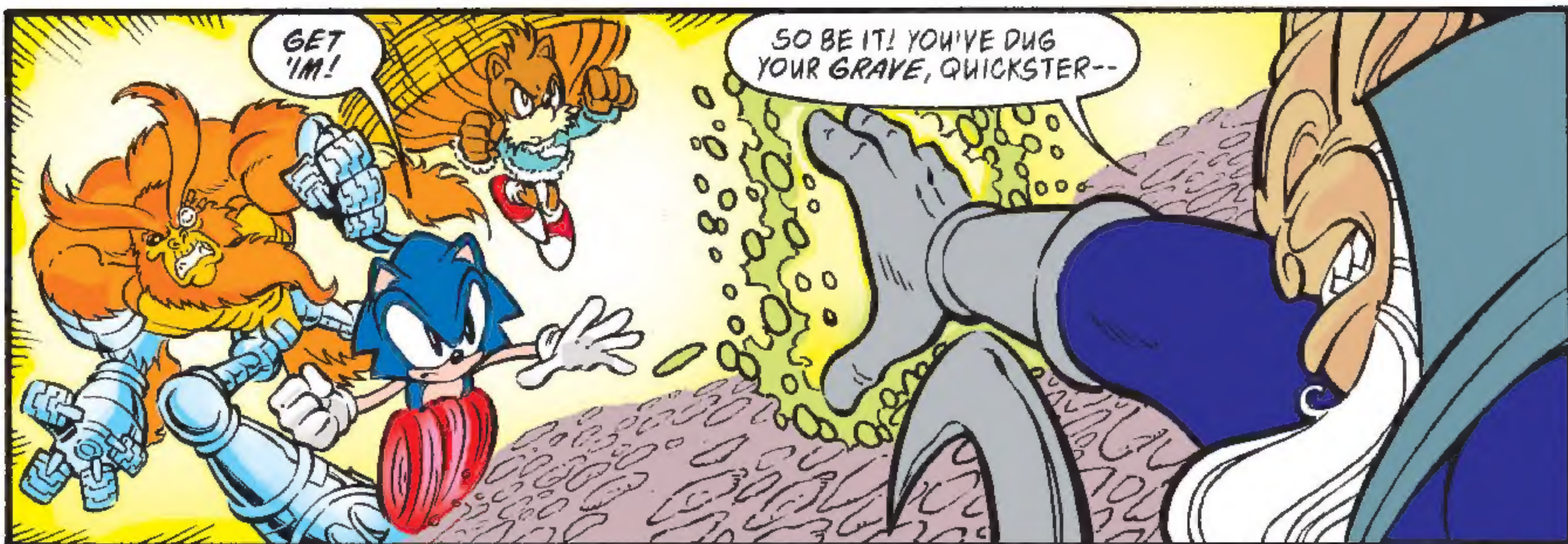
NO, BUT THAT'S
WHY IT'S CALLED
'WISHFUL'
THINKING!

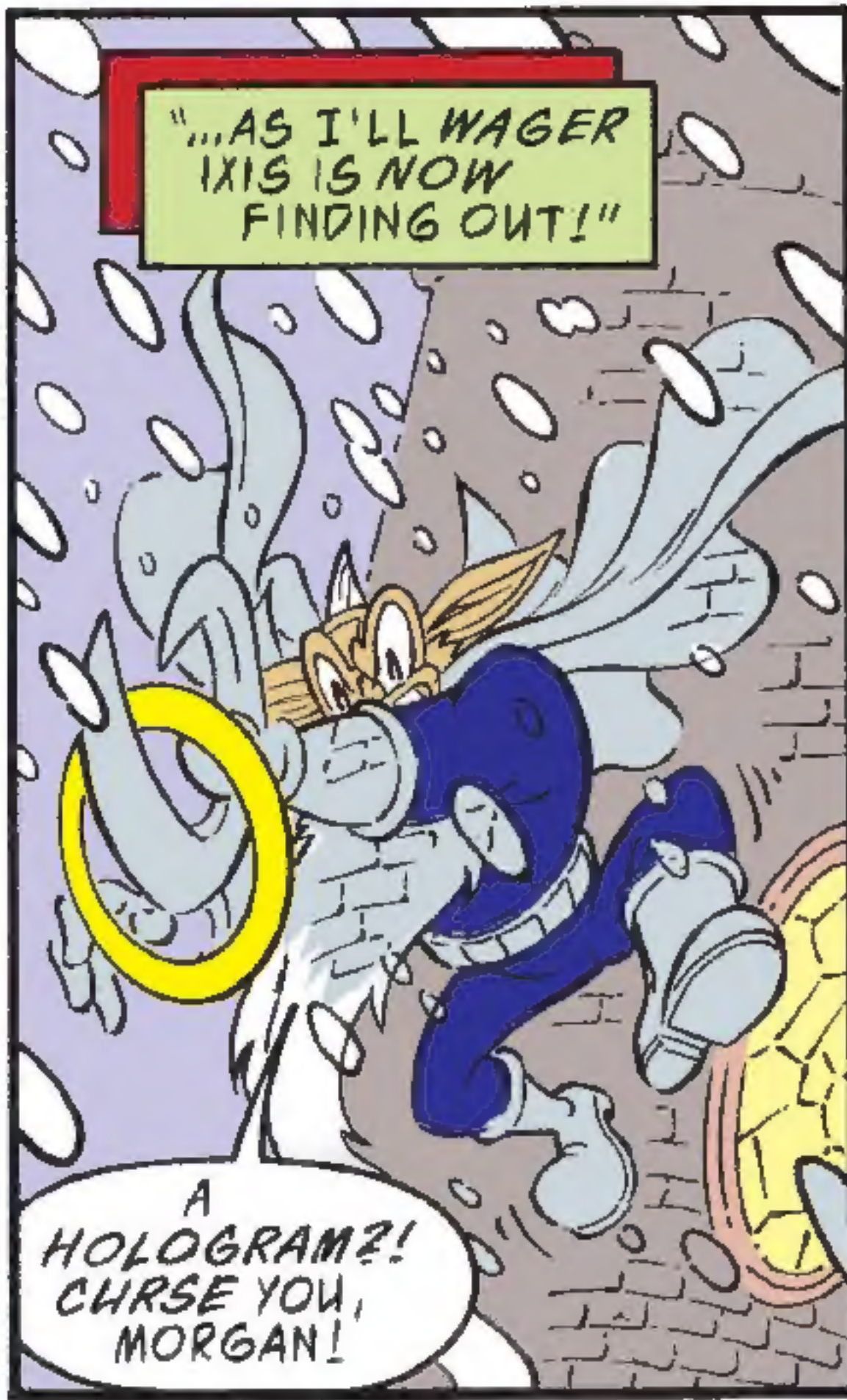
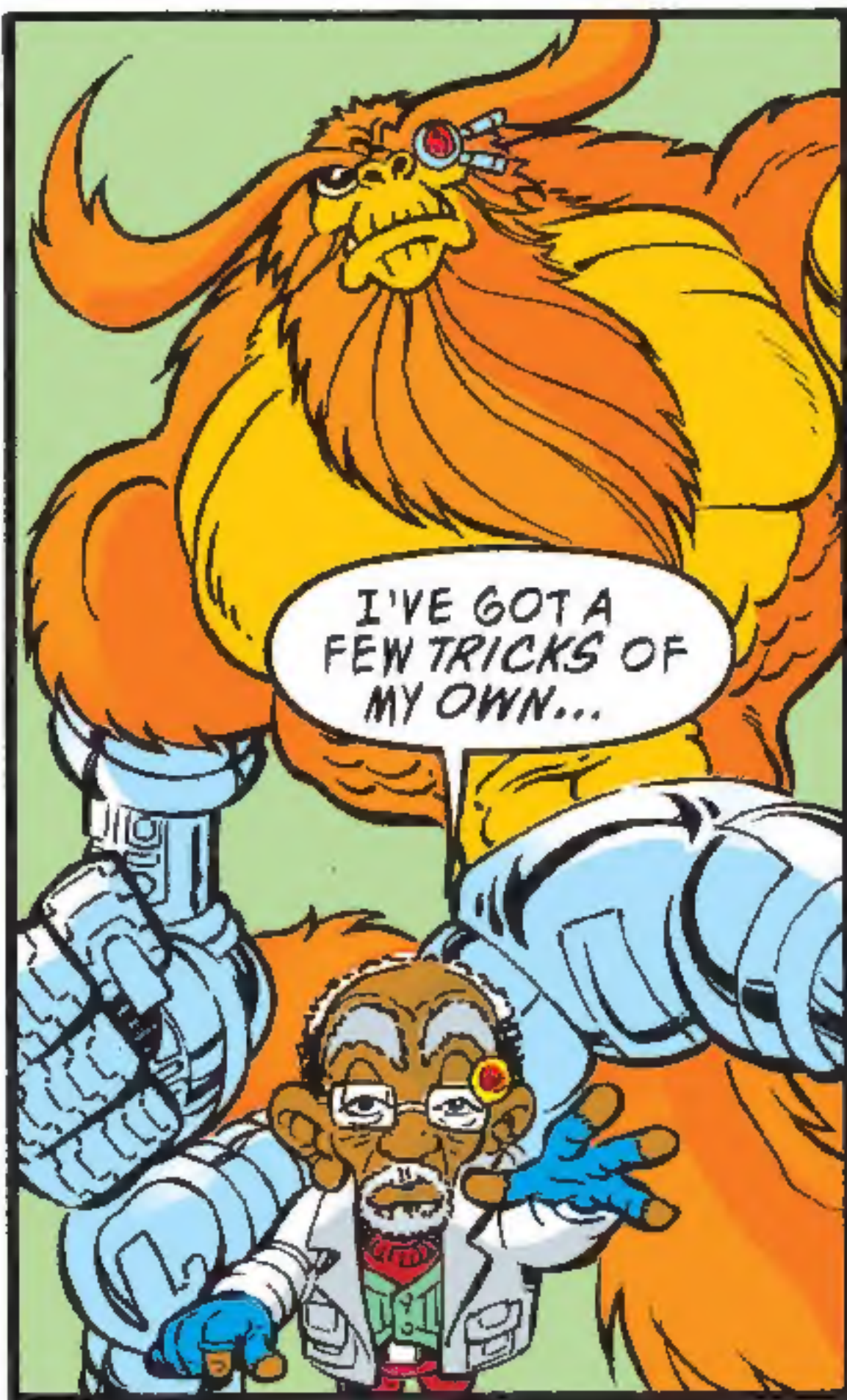
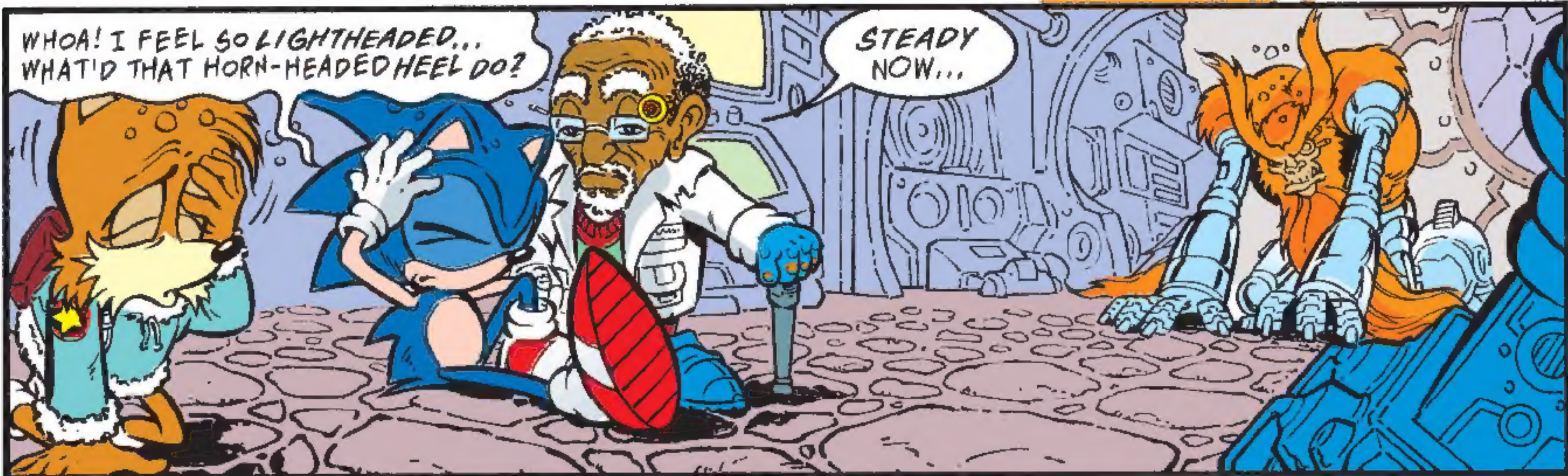
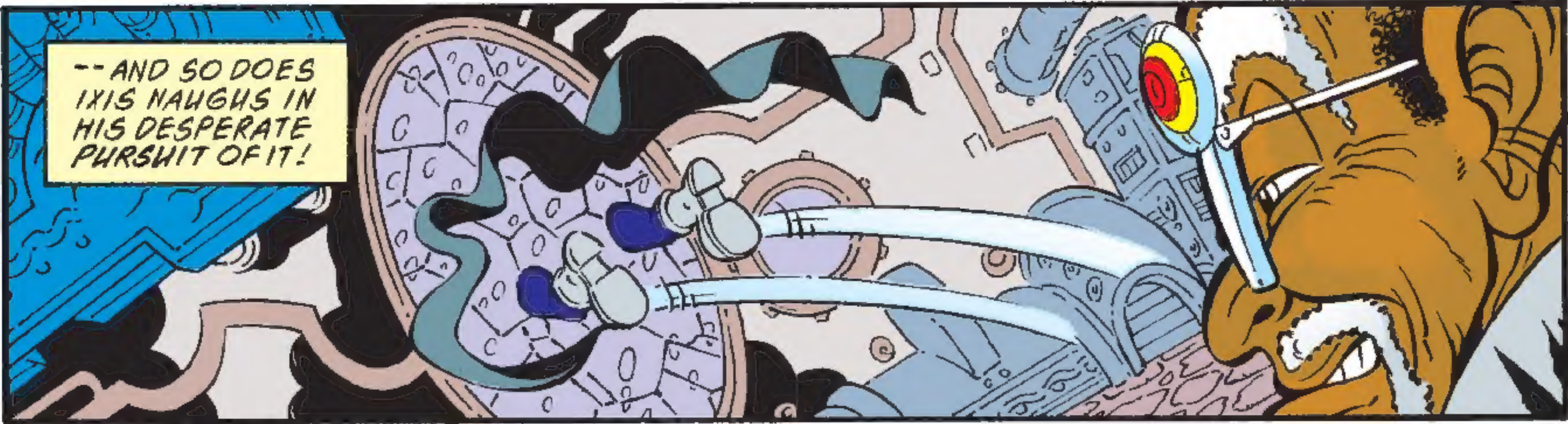
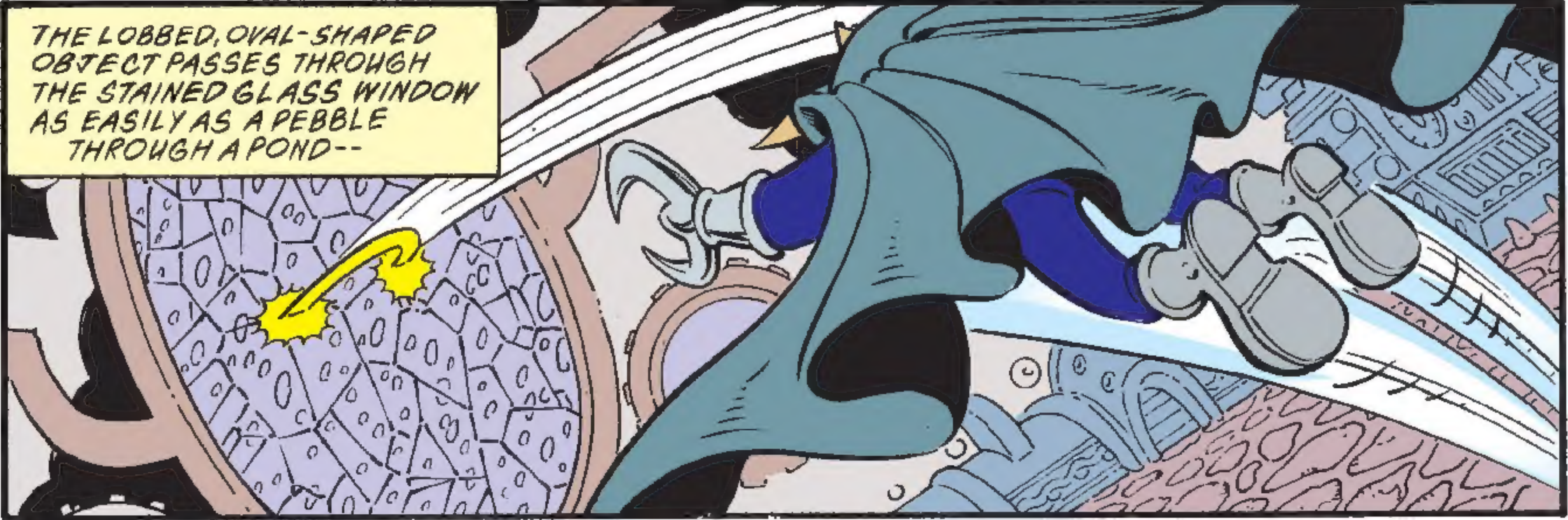
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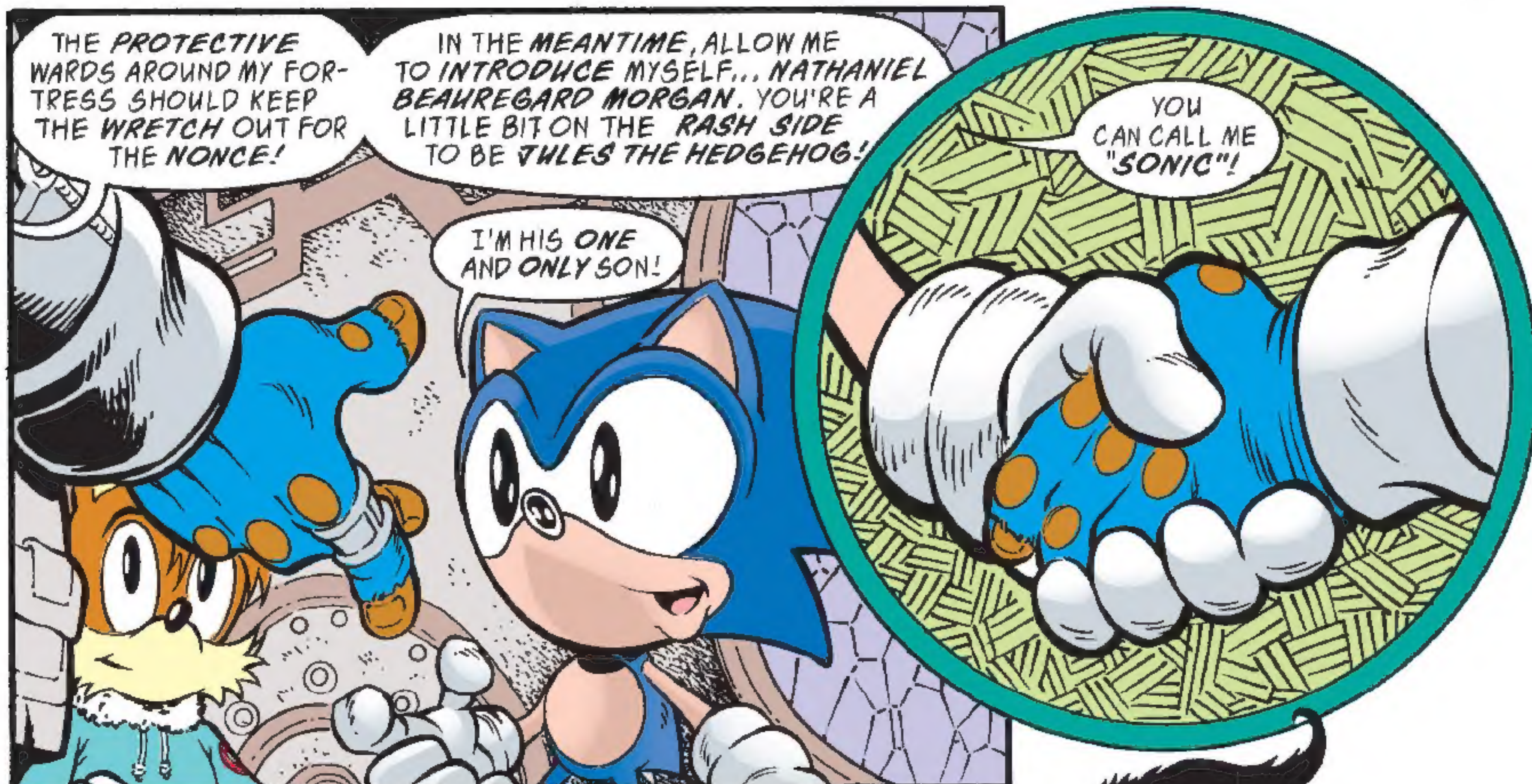
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THE PROTECTIVE WARDS AROUND MY FORTRESS SHOULD KEEP THE WRETCH OUT FOR THE NONCE!

IN THE MEANTIME, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF... NATHANIEL BEAUREGARD MORGAN. YOU'RE A LITTLE BIT ON THE RASH SIDE TO BE TWELF THE HEDGEHOG!

YOU CAN CALL ME "SONIC"!

I'M HIS ONE AND ONLY SON!

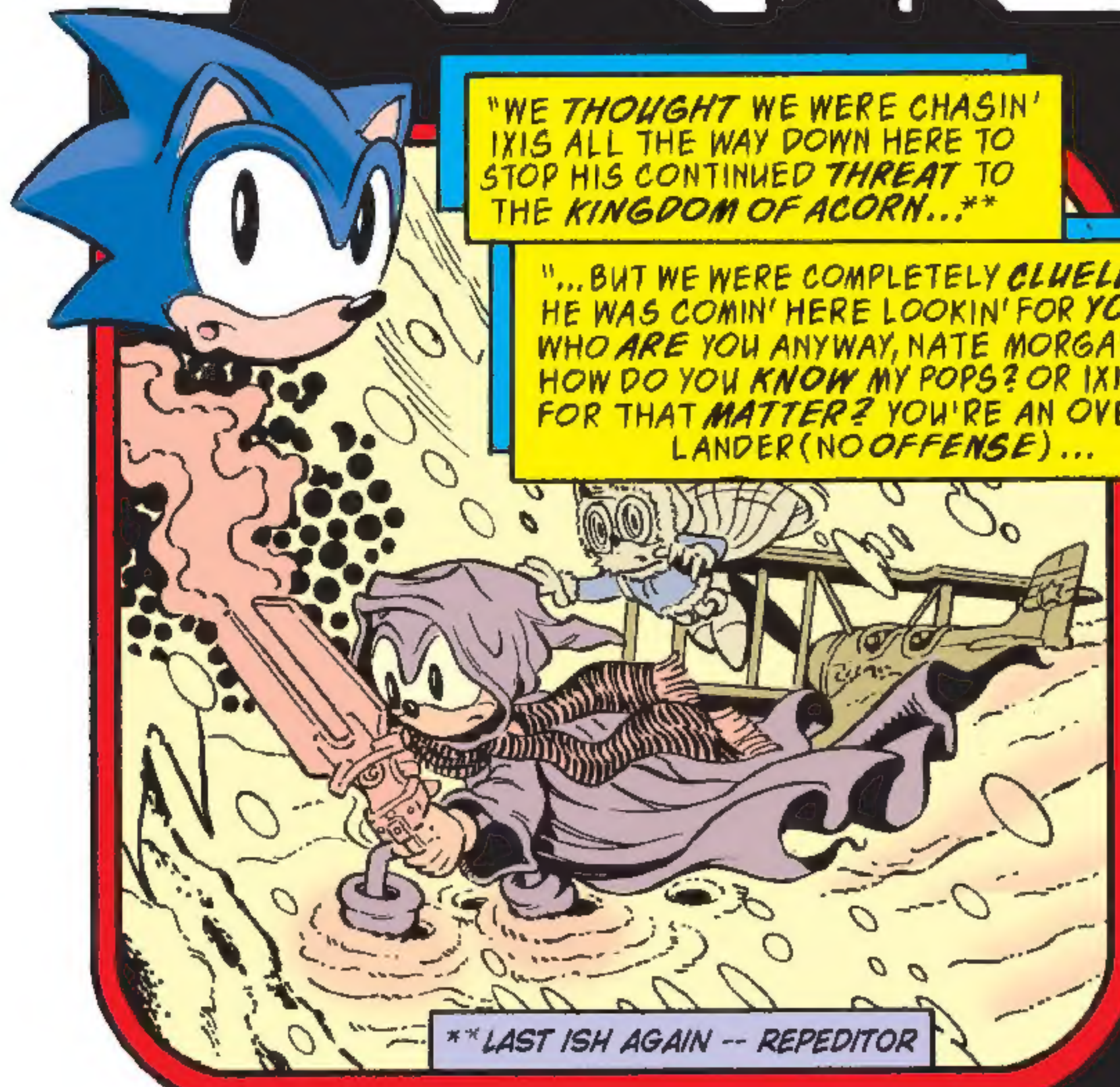
THIS IS MILES PROWER, MY BEST BUD IN THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT WE ALL CALL HIM "TAILS"!

I WANNA APOLOGIZE FOR THINKIN' YOUR BIG FRIEND WAS ON IXIS' SIDE EARLIER!*

WHO-- EDDY? HE'S LOYAL TO ME AND NO ONE ELSE!



*LAST ISH -- ED.



"WE THOUGHT WE WERE CHASIN' IXIS ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE TO STOP HIS CONTINUED THREAT TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN..."

"...BUT WE WERE COMPLETELY CLUELESS HE WAS COMIN' HERE LOOKIN' FOR YOU! WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY, NATE MORGAN? HOW DO YOU KNOW MY POPS? OR IXIS FOR THAT MATTER? YOU'RE AN OVER-LANDER (NO OFFENSE)..."

**LAST ISH AGAIN -- REPEDITOR



DO YOU REALLY WISH TO KNOW MY TALE, YOUNG ONE? IT WAS... SO LONG... AGO... IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS A MERE DREAM...

YOURS WOULD BE THE ONLY EARS TO HAVE EVER HEARD IT-- BESIDES EDDY, THAT IS... AND PERHAPS THE FIRST TO UNDERSTAND IT.

"ONCE UPON A TIME, I WAS AN UNKNOWN GEO-PHYSICIAN WHO HEADED AN UNDERGROUND TEAM OF SCIENTISTS TOILING AWAY IN THE HEART OF THE OVERLAND CITY OF MEGAPOLIS!"

"AND WHAT WAS IT THAT DEMANDED OUR ATTENTION EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT?"

"WHAT INDEED?"

"ALL SEEMED IN READINESS -- IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE FOSSIL FUELS THAT HAD BEEN POLLUTING THE COUNTRY-SIDE AROUND US ALL FOR YEARS!"

"BUT, STILL, SOMETHING NAGGED AT ME TO WAIT BEFORE TESTING. MY ASSISTANT -- JULIAN KINTOBOR OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, A BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN WITH UNLIMITED POTENTIAL -- ASSURED ME THAT HE HAD CHECKED ALL THE CALIBRATIONS TO THE TEE."

"HE TOLD ME TO SEIZE THE DAY."

"HEAVEN HELP ME... I DID."

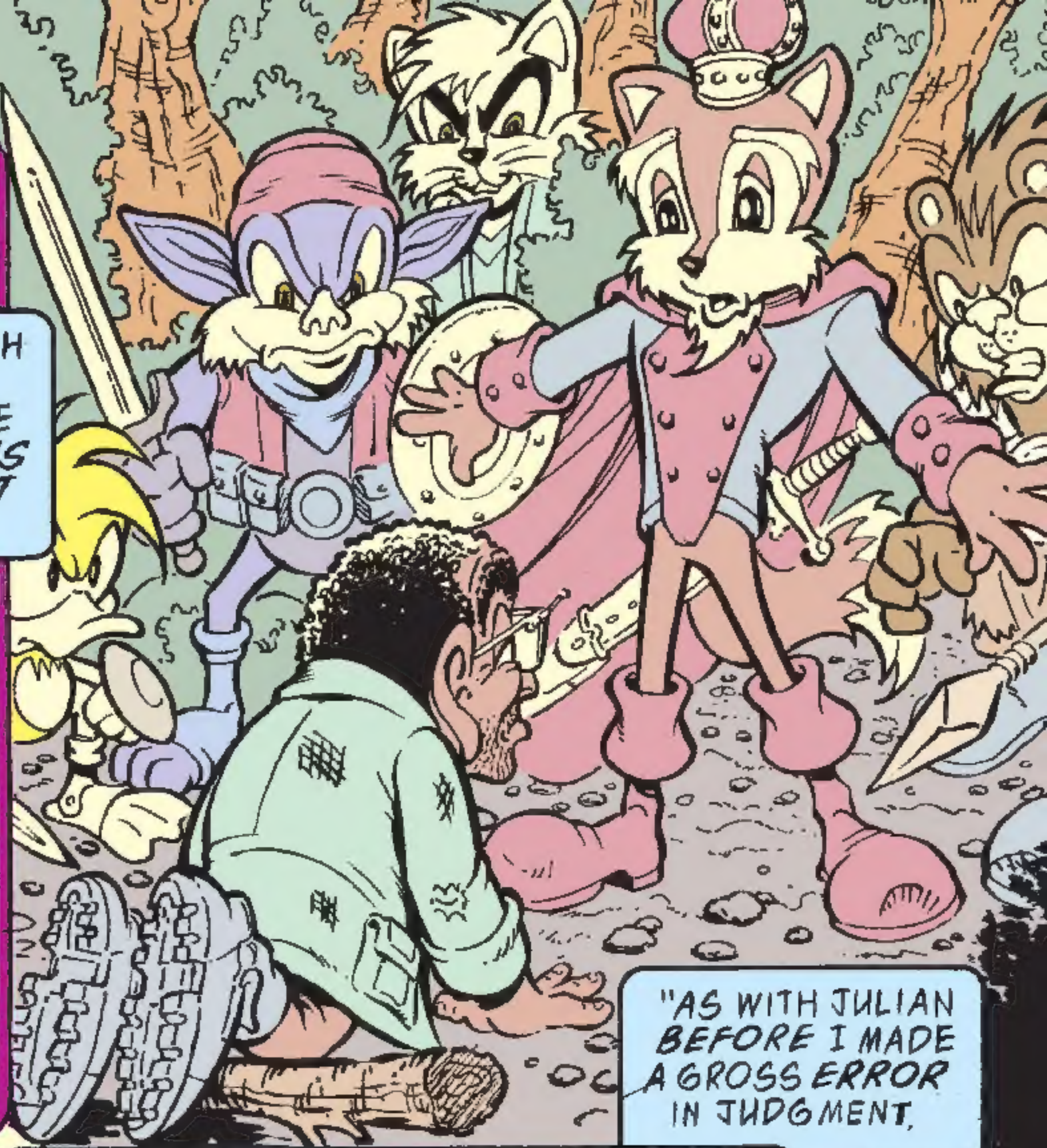
THOOM

"I SEIZED THE DAY... AND WAS SOON AFTER, SEIZED BY THE AUTHORITIES."

SEDITION, NEGLIGENCE, ENDANGERING PUBLIC LIVES, NOISE POLLUTION. THE LIST OF CRIMES WENT ON...

"IT WAS DECIDED THAT SINCE THERE WAS NO LOSS OF LIFE, I WAS TO BE **BANISHED** FROM OVERLAND FOREVER. **ONLY FOREVER...**

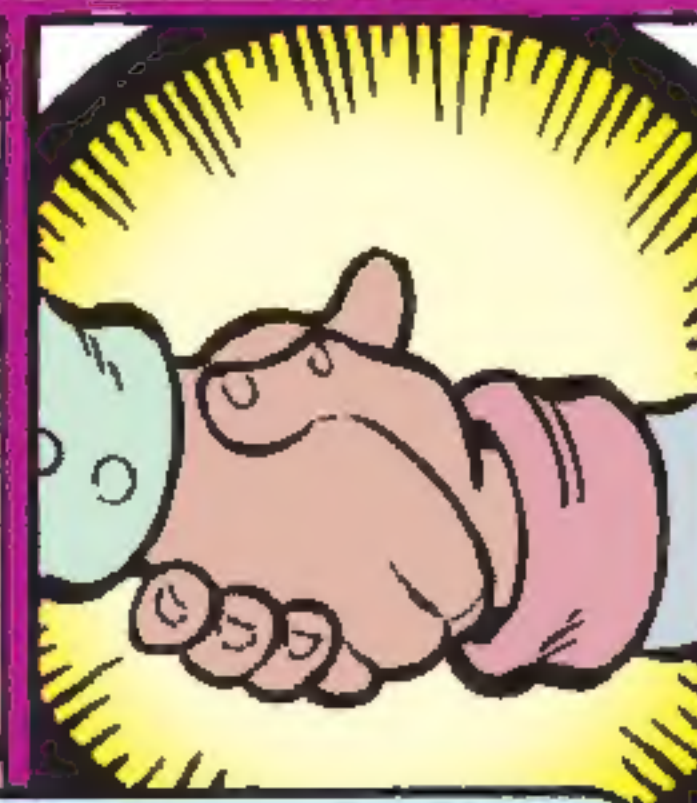
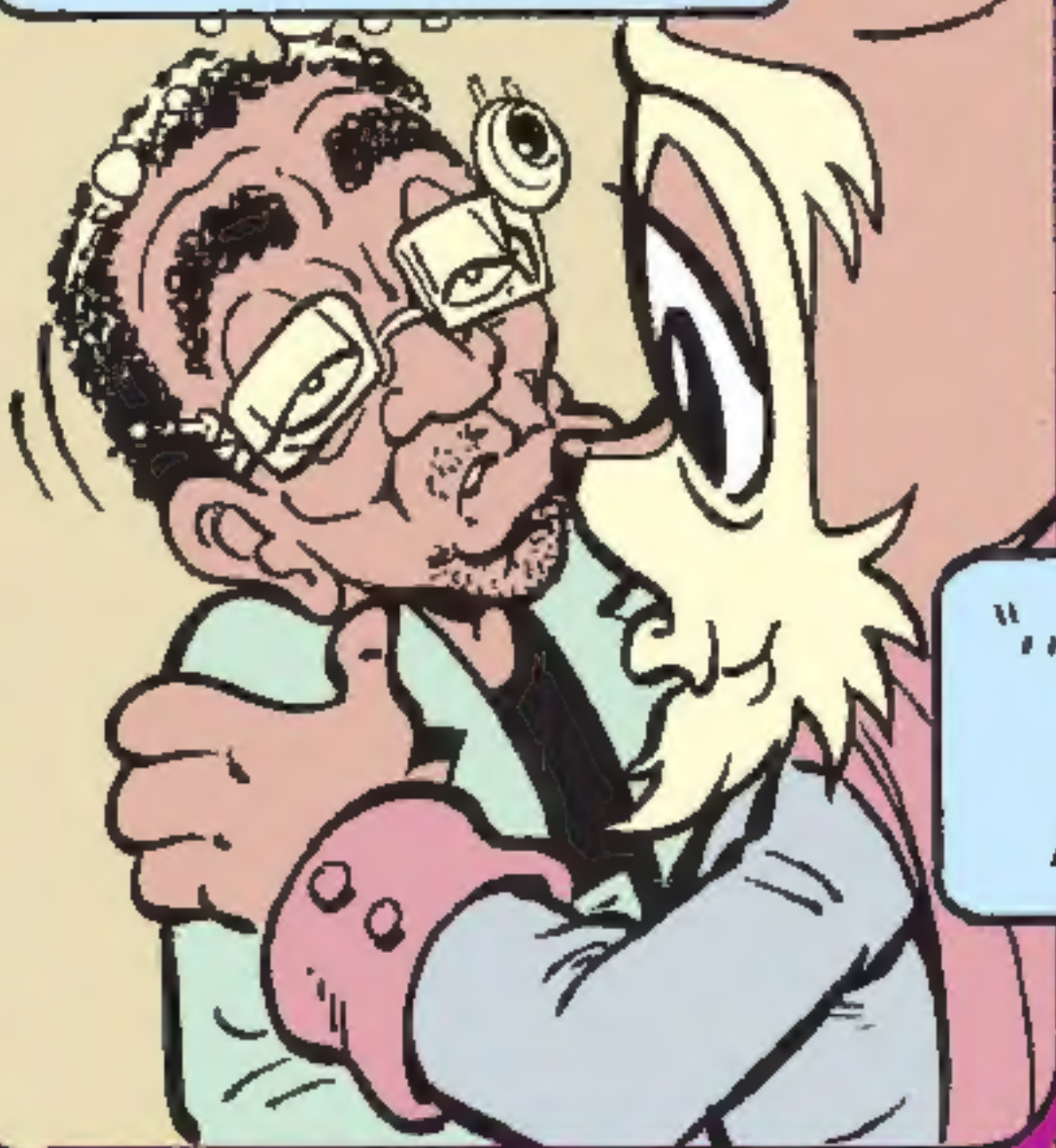
"IF I SURVIVED MY TREK THROUGH THE BADLANDS I **RESOLVED** MYSELF TO BEING KILLED BY THE **ANTHROPOMORPHIC MOBIANS** WHO OFTEN COME INTO **CONFLICT** WITH MY KIND.



"AS WITH JULIAN BEFORE I MADE A **GROSS ERROR** IN JUDGMENT,

"AND ALTHOUGH IT **WOULD** HAVE BEEN **EASIER** TO MEET ME WITH **DISTRUST** AS HIS **ROYAL GUARD** DID...

"...**KING FREDERIC ACORN** DID JUST THE **OPPOSITE...**



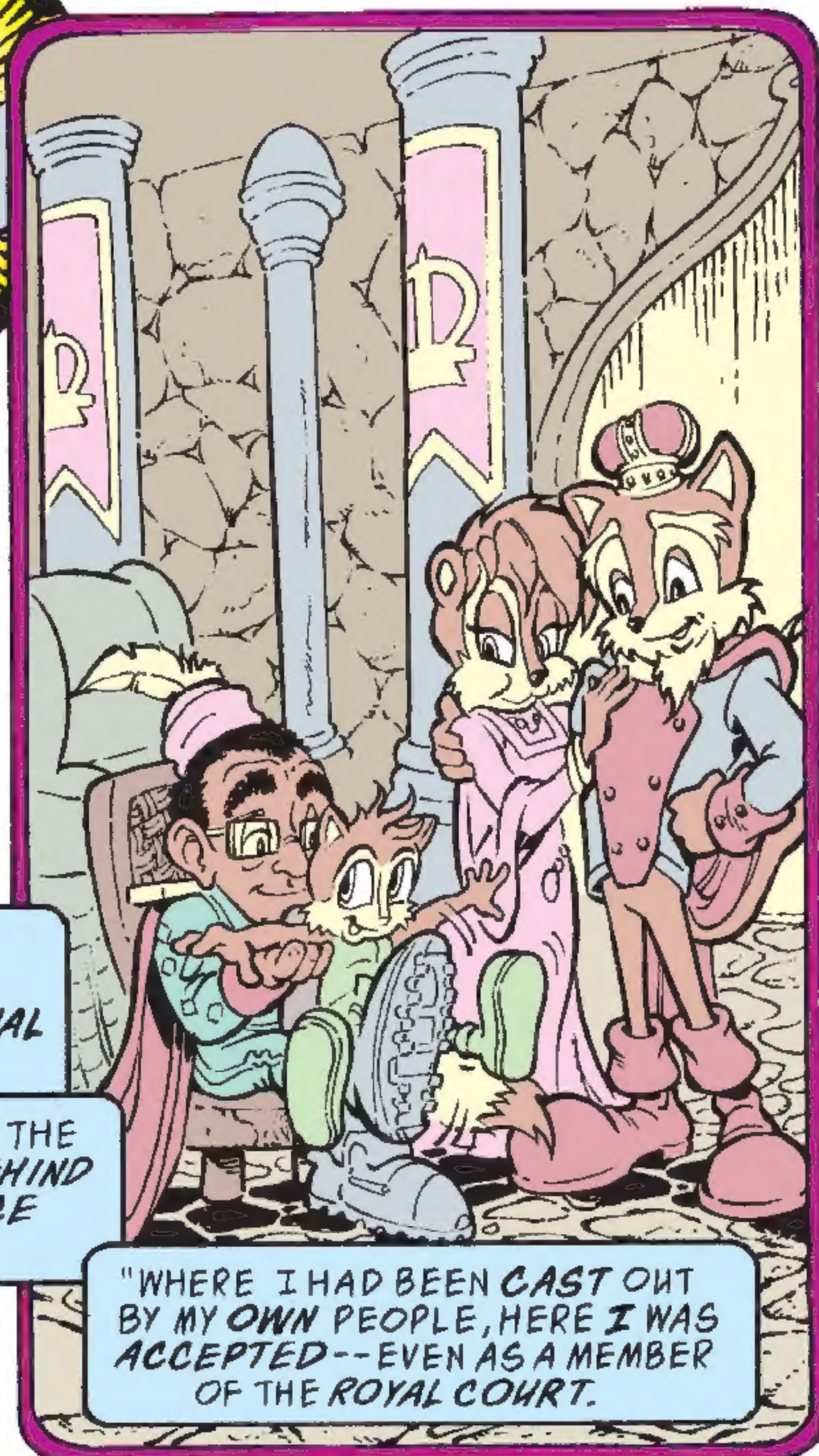
"...AND, **INSTEAD** EXTENDED HIS HAND IN **FRIENDSHIP**.

"THE KINGDOM OF ACORN WAS **VERY DIFFERENT** BACK THEN. **UNLIKE** WE **OVERLANDERS**, YOU **MOBIANS** BELIEVED IN THE **PRESERVATION OF NATURE**.

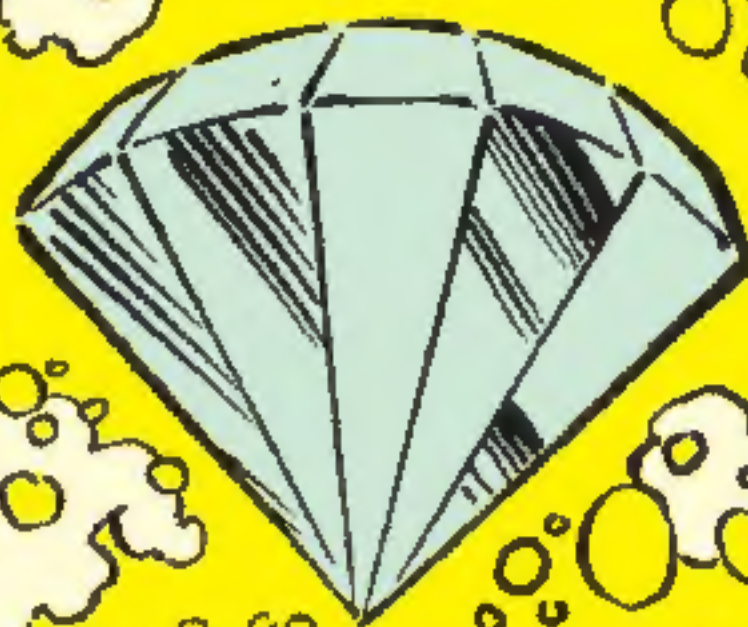
"IT WAS THE SAME REASON WHY THE KINGDOM HAD REMAINED IN A **PRE-INDUSTRIAL STATE**.

"WITH THE **AWFUL MEMORY** OF THE ACCIDENT IN OVERLAND CITY **BEHIND** ME, I FELT **ONCE MORE** AT **PEACE** WITH MYSELF.

"WHERE I HAD BEEN **CAST OUT** BY MY **OWN PEOPLE**, HERE I WAS **ACCEPTED**--EVEN AS A MEMBER OF THE **ROYAL COURT**.

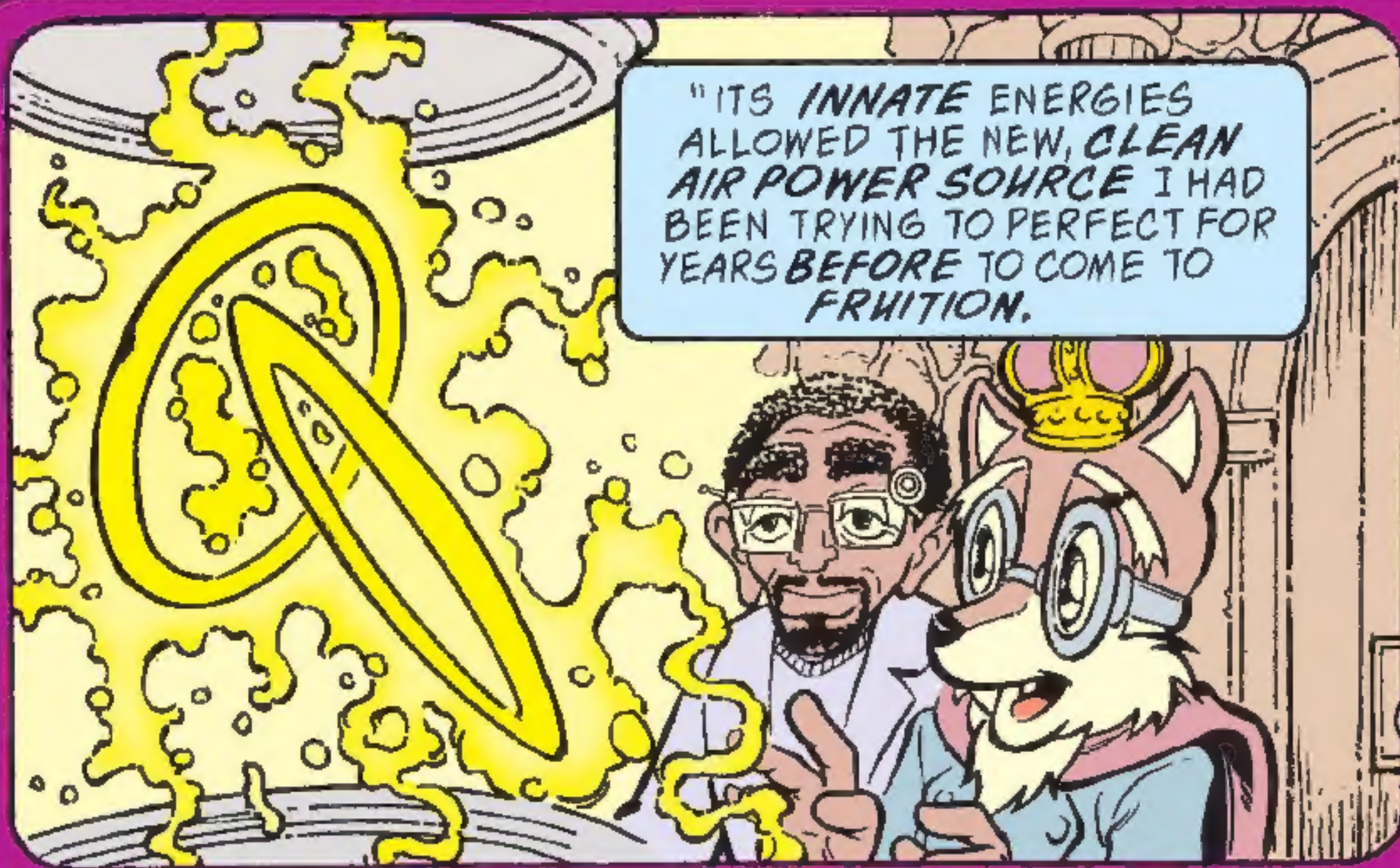


"I **RESHMED** MY WORK WITH NEW **VIGOR** AND NOW I FINALLY HAD THE NECESSARY **COMPONENT** TO SAFELY COMPLETE MY TEST--



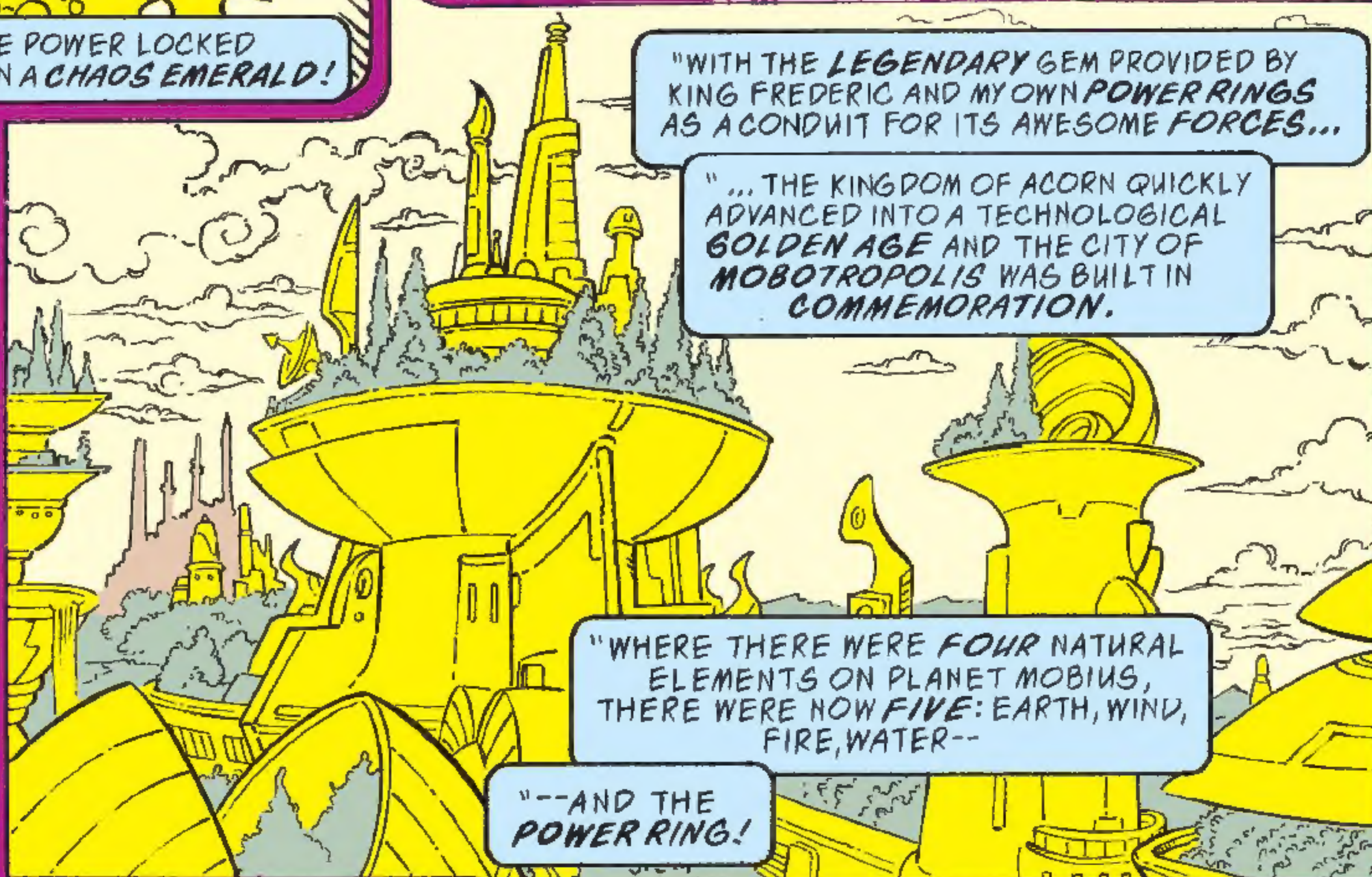
"--THE POWER LOCKED WITHIN A **CHAOS EMERALD**!

"ITS **INNATE** ENERGIES ALLOWED THE NEW, **CLEAN AIR POWER SOURCE** I HAD BEEN TRYING TO PERFECT FOR YEARS **BEFORE** TO COME TO **FRUITION**.



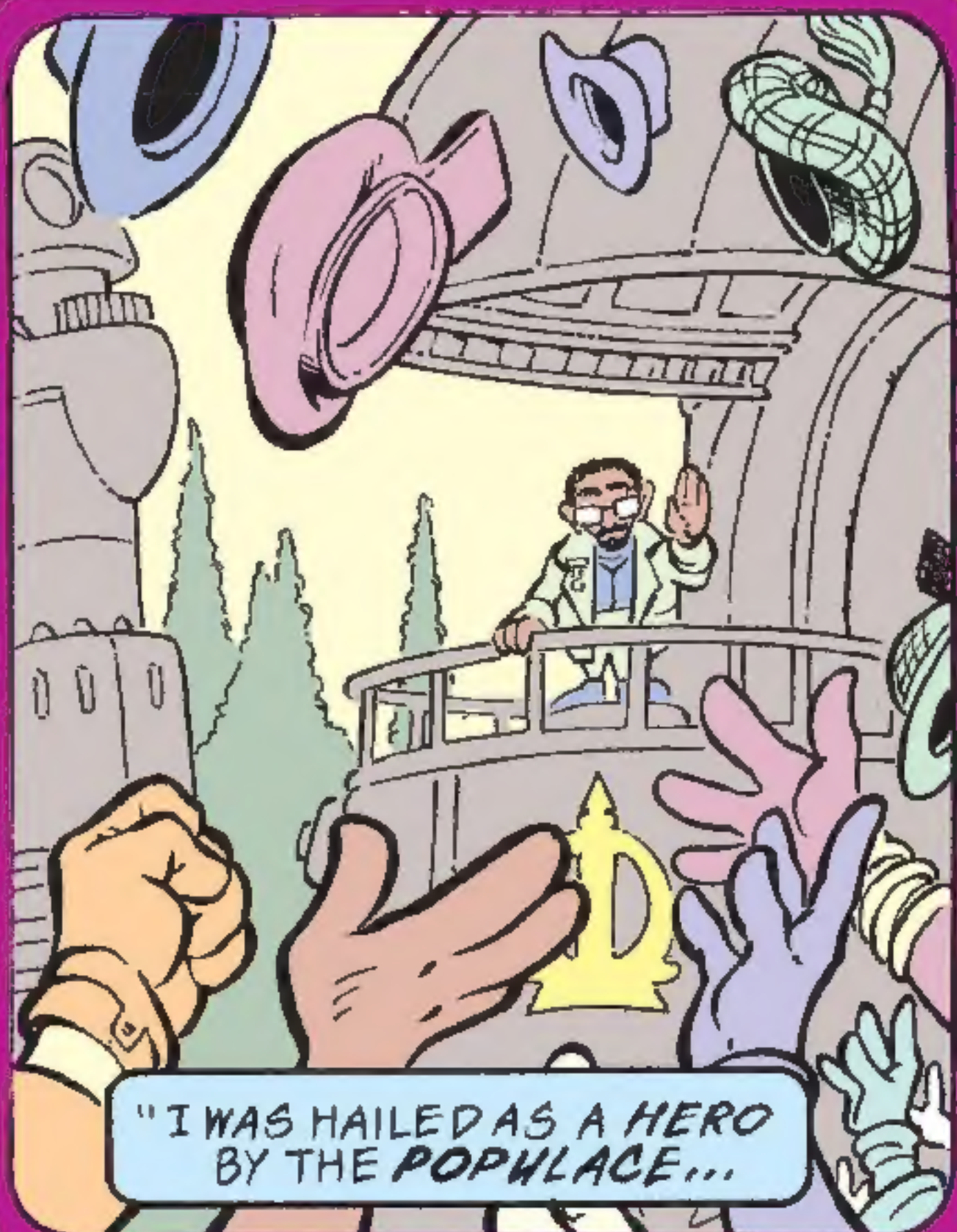
"WITH THE **LEGENDARY GEM** PROVIDED BY KING **FREDERIC** AND MY OWN **POWER RINGS** AS A CONDUIT FOR ITS AWESOME **FORCES...**

"... THE KINGDOM OF **ACORN** QUICKLY ADVANCED INTO A TECHNOLOGICAL **GOLDEN AGE** AND THE CITY OF **MOBOTROPOLIS** WAS BUILT IN **COMMEMORATION**.

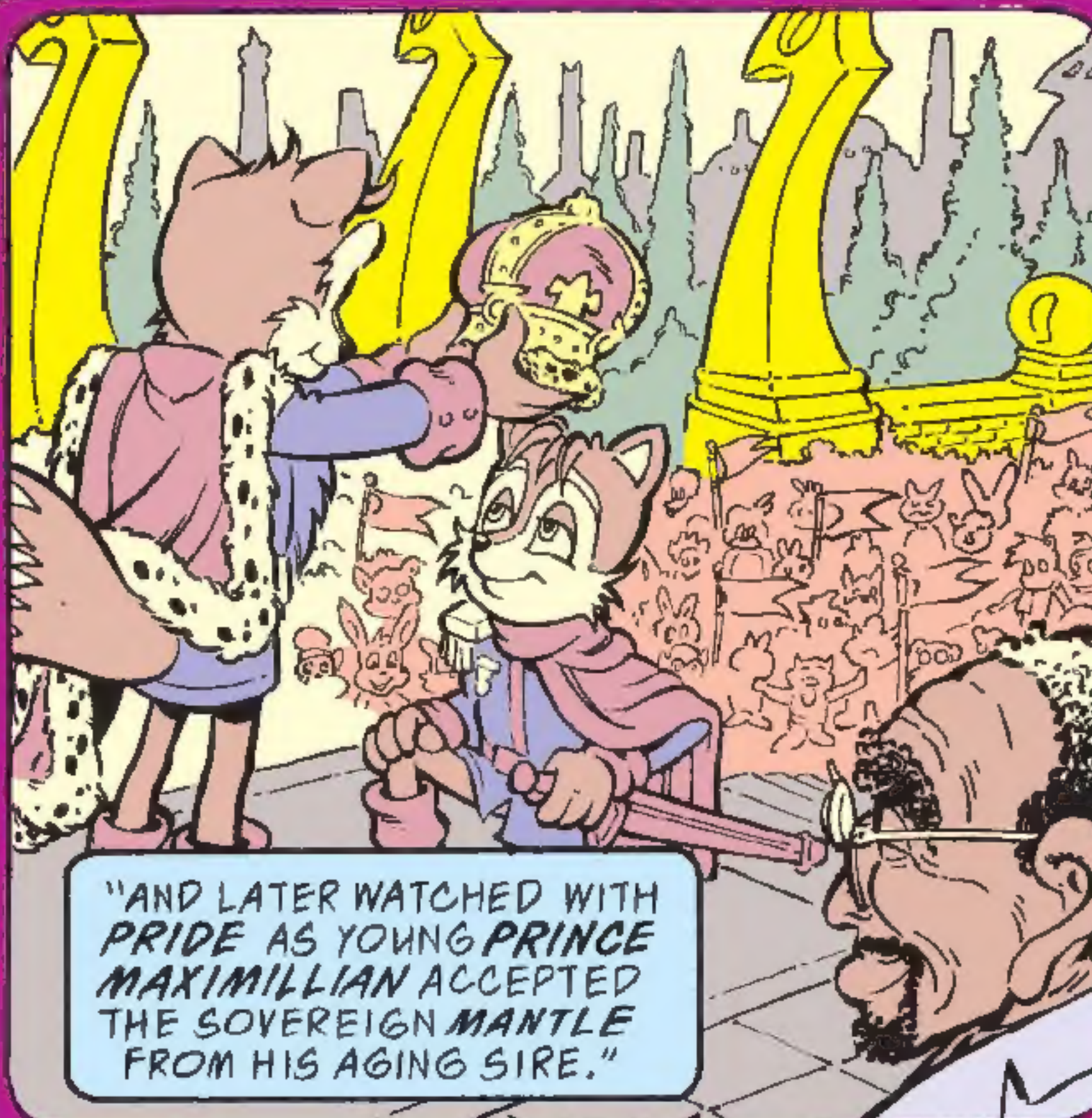


"WHERE THERE WERE **FOUR** NATURAL ELEMENTS ON PLANET **MOBIUS**, THERE WERE NOW **FIVE**: EARTH, WIND, FIRE, WATER--

"--AND THE **POWER RING**!

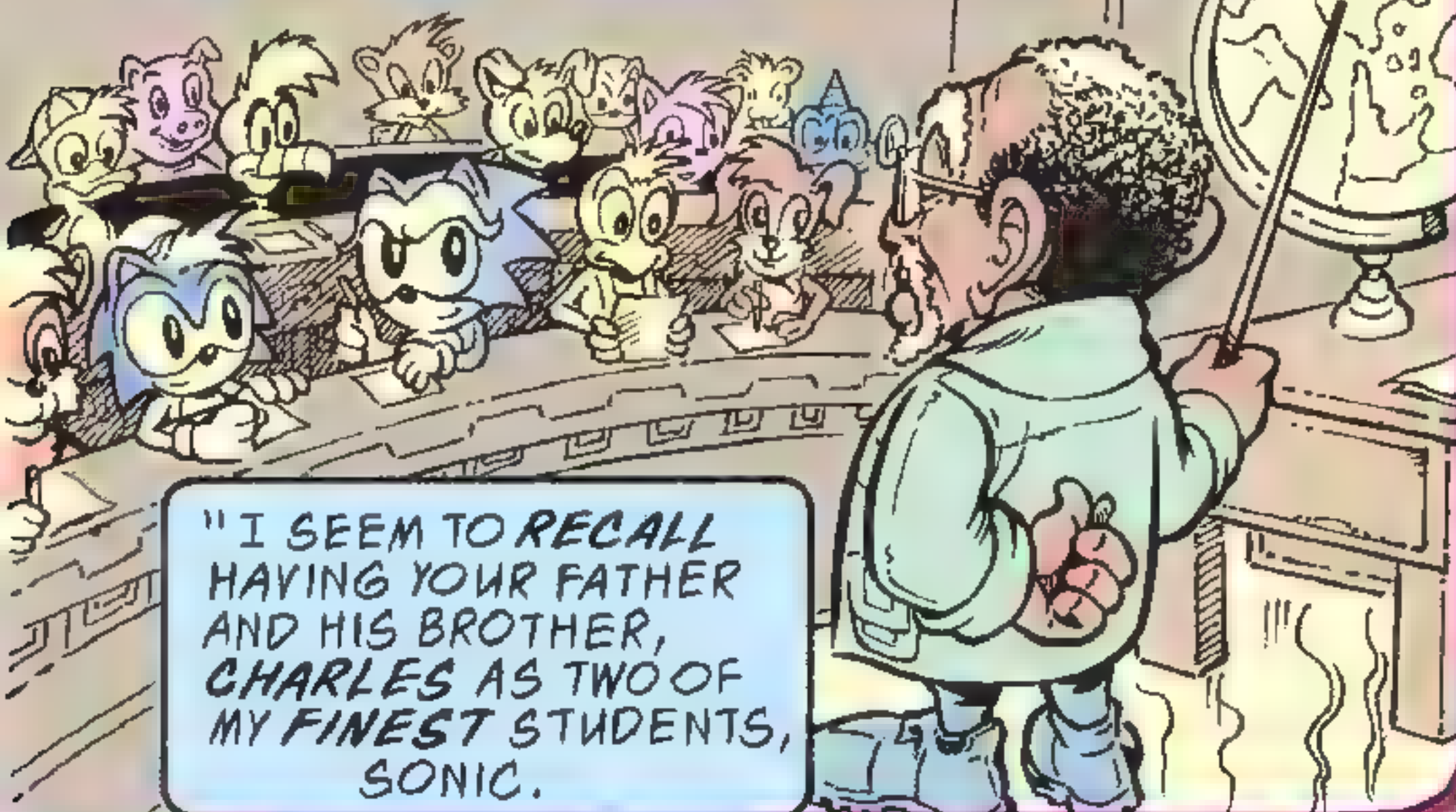


"I WAS HAILED AS A **HERO** BY THE **POPULACE**...



"AND LATER WATCHED WITH **PRIDE** AS **YOUNG PRINCE MAXIMILLIAN** ACCEPTED THE SOVEREIGN **MANTLE** FROM HIS AGING **SIRE**."

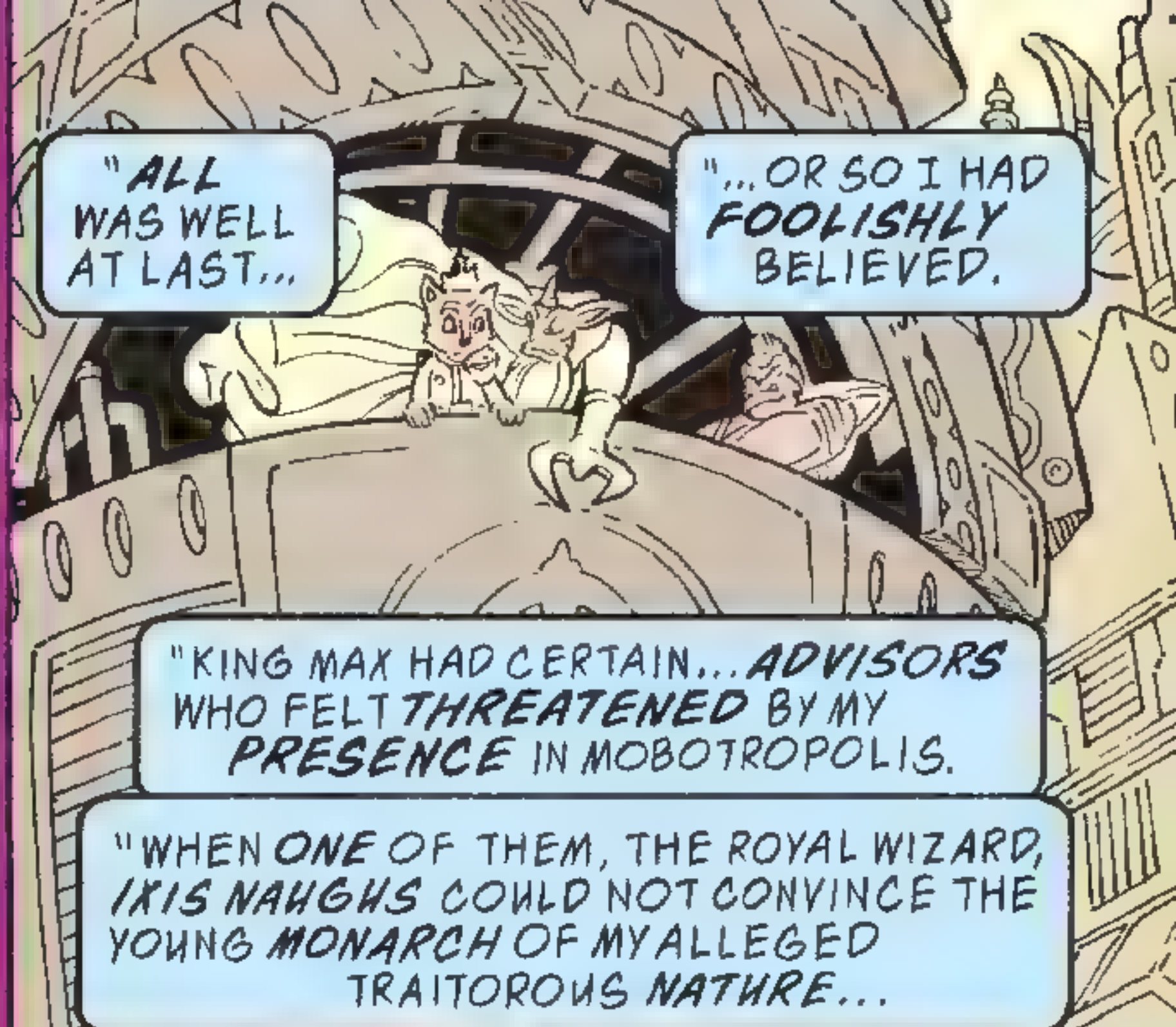
"NOW THE **ENVIROMENTAL RING-MAKER**, I SPENT MY TIME **HONING** THE FINEST YOUNG MINDS IN THE **KINGDOM**.



"I SEEM TO **RECALL** HAVING YOUR FATHER AND HIS BROTHER, **CHARLES** AS TWO OF MY **FINEST STUDENTS**, **SONIC**.

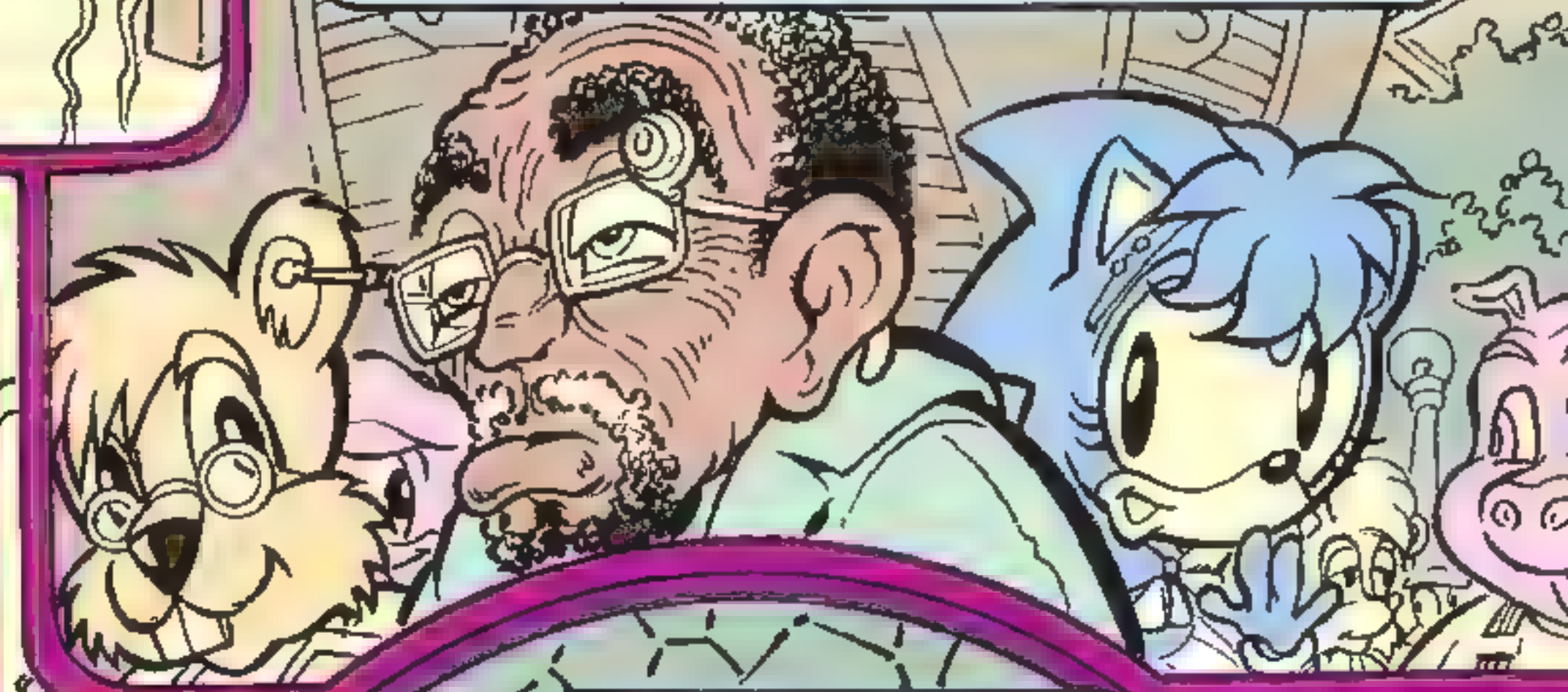
"**ALL** WAS WELL AT LAST..."

"...OR SO I HAD **FOOLISHLY** BELIEVED.



"KING MAX HAD CERTAIN... **ADVISORS** WHO FELT **THREATENED** BY MY **PRESENCE** IN **MOBOTROPOLIS**.

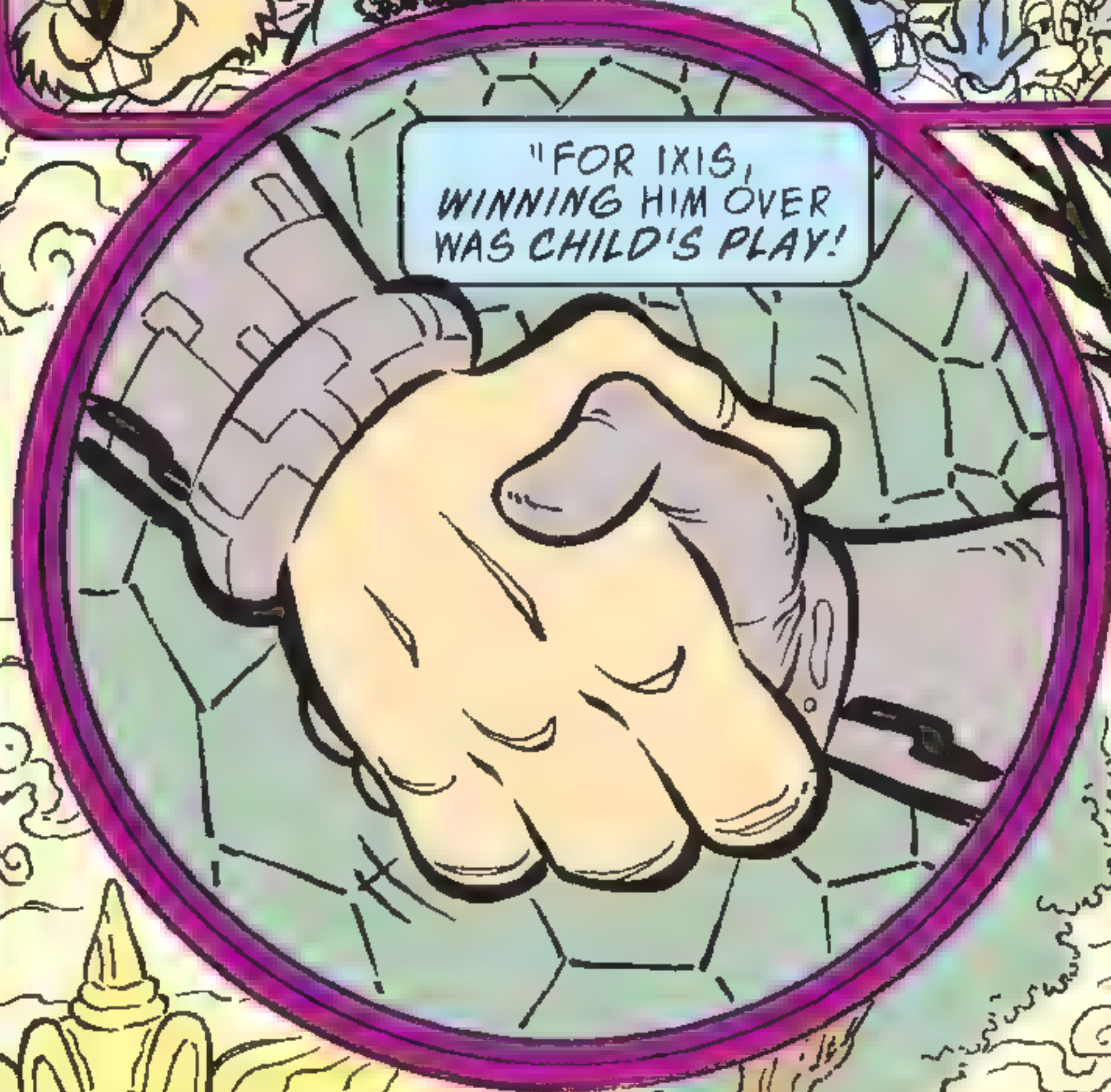
"WHEN ONE OF THEM, THE ROYAL WIZARD, **IXIS NAUGHS** COULD NOT CONVINCE THE YOUNG **MONARCH** OF MY ALLEGED **TRAITOROUS NATURE**...



"...HE SOUGHT OUT OTHER **ALLIES**. **GENERAL KODOS**, HATED **OVERLANDERS** MORE THAN **ANYONE** IN **MOBOTROPOLIS**.

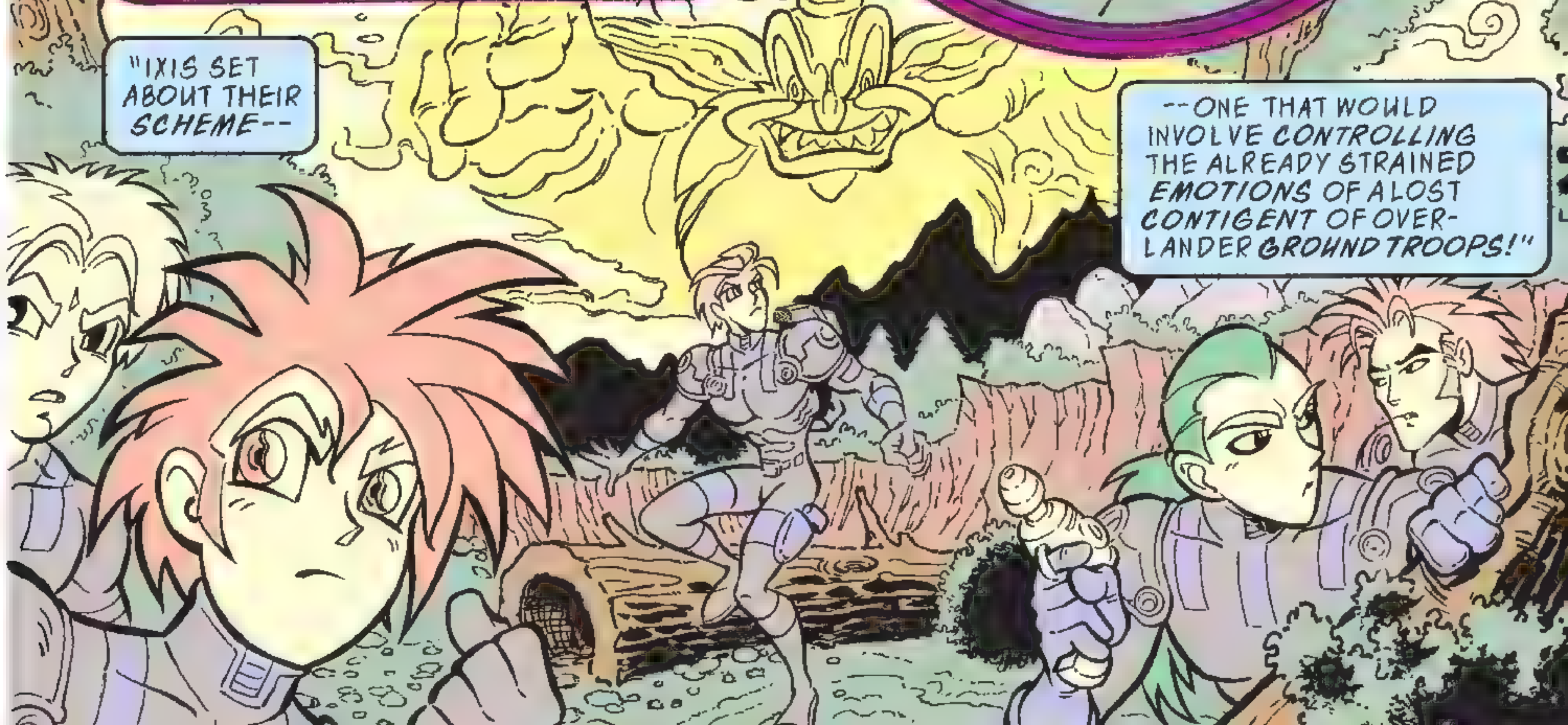


"FOR **IXIS**, **WINNING HIM OVER** WAS **CHILD'S PLAY**!"



"**IXIS** SET ABOUT THEIR **SCHEME**--

--ONE THAT WOULD INVOLVE **CONTROLLING** THE ALREADY **STRAINED EMOTIONS** OF A **LOST** **CONTINGENT** OF **OVERLANDER** **GROUND TROOPS**!"



"DID IXIS KNOW THAT KODOS, HIS TROOPS, AND MYSELF WOULD RUN INTO THE LOST SOLDIERS WHILE PERFORMING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY OF THE GREAT FOREST?"

"DID KODOS?"

"IT WAS CERTAINLY ODD THAT HIS ARMED TROOPS SHOULD CHOOSE TO ACCOMPANY ME ON THIS OCCASION..."

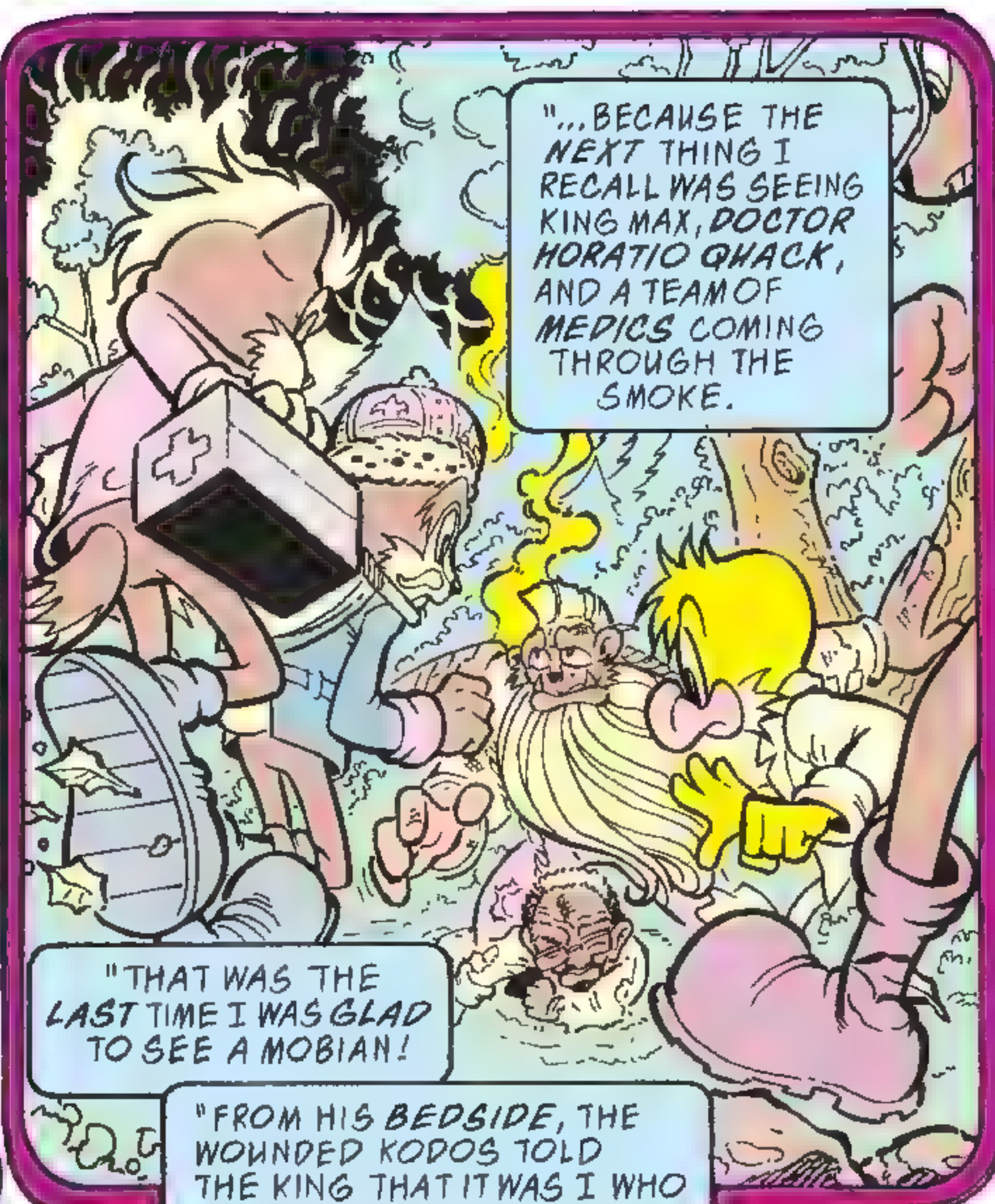
"MY PEOPLE AREN'T KNOWN FOR TRYING TO SETTLE ARGUMENTS PEACEFULLY..."

"...AND, WELL, NEITHER ARE YOURS!"

"YOU CAN GUESS WHAT HAPPENED!"



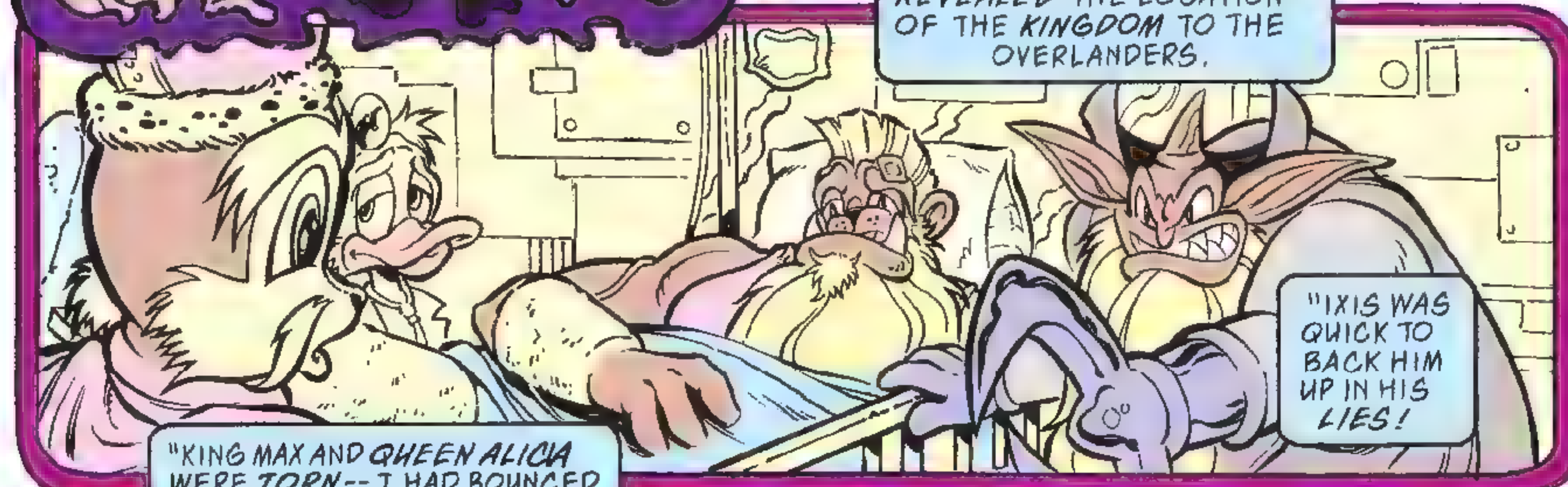
"THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE BATTLE MUST HAVE BEEN HEARD AS FAR AWAY AS CASTLE ACORN..."



"...BECAUSE THE NEXT THING I RECALL WAS SEEING KING MAX, DOCTOR HORATIO QHACK, AND A TEAM OF MEDICS COMING THROUGH THE SMOKE."

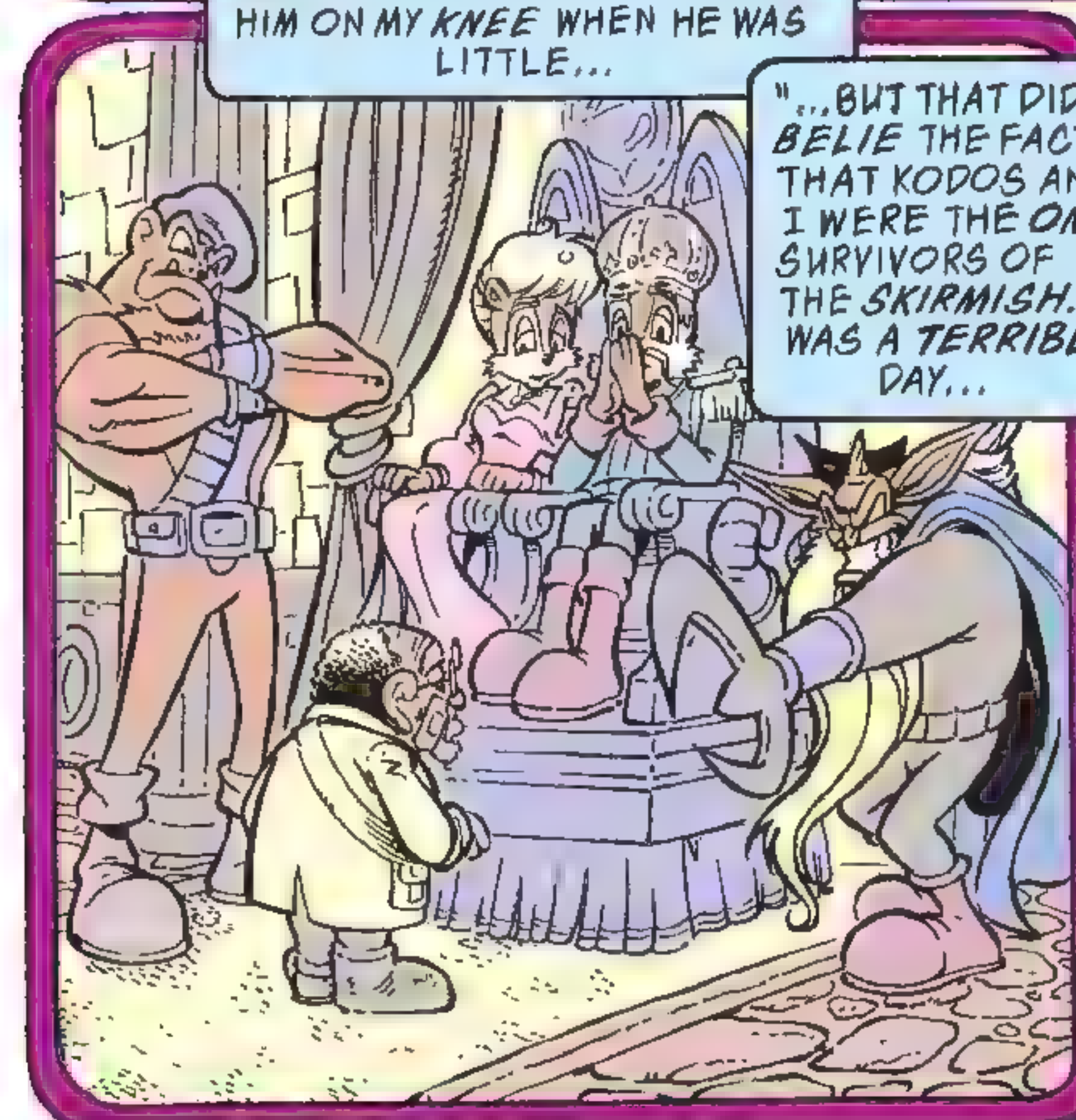
"THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I WAS GLAD TO SEE A MOBIAN!"

"FROM HIS BEDSIDE, THE WOUNDED KODOS TOLD THE KING THAT IT WAS I WHO REVEALED THE LOCATION OF THE KINGDOM TO THE OVERLANDERS."

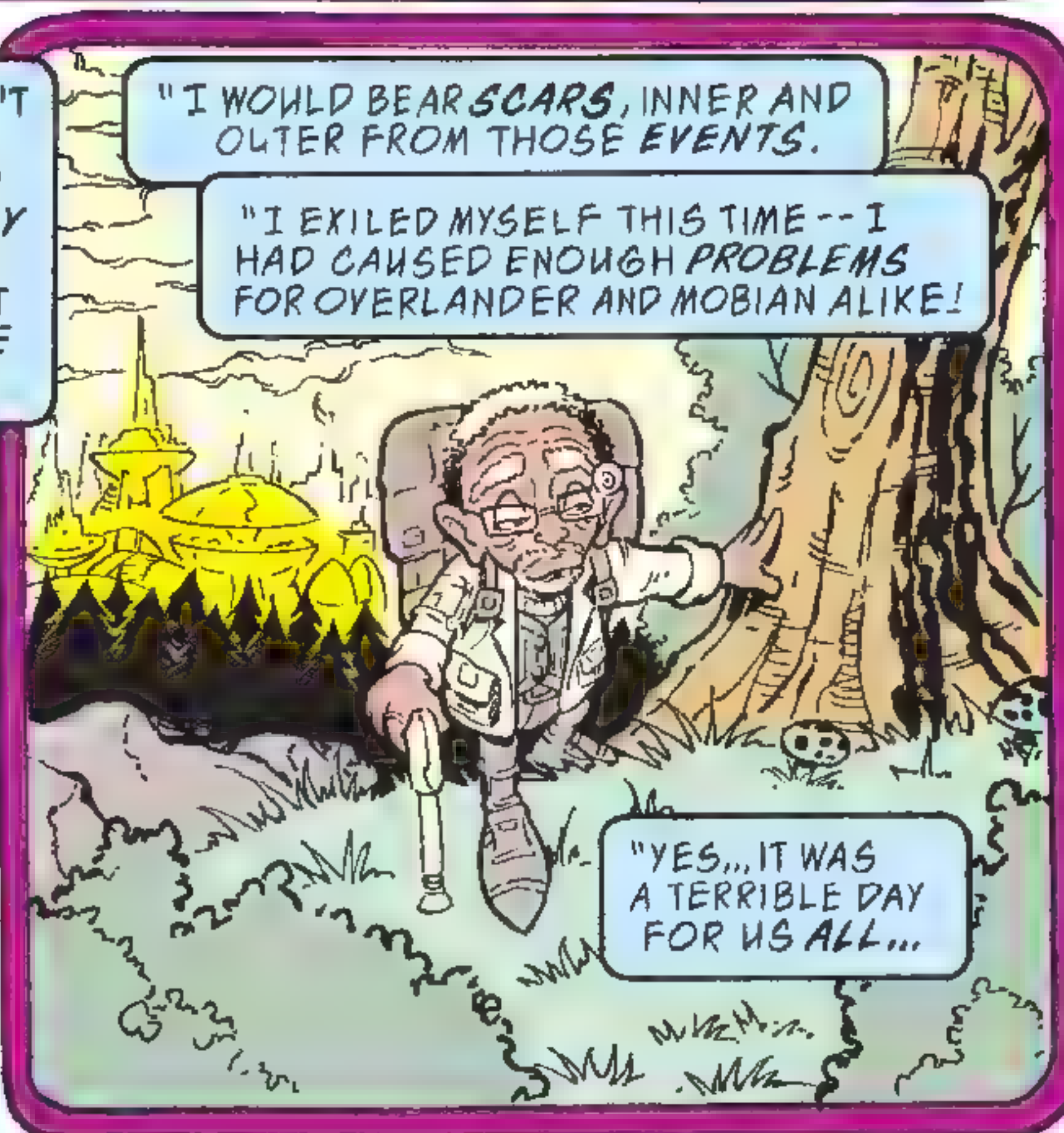


"KING MAX AND QUEEN ALICIA WERE TORN-- I HAD BOUNCED HIM ON MY KNEE WHEN HE WAS LITTLE..."

"IXIS WAS QUICK TO BACK HIM UP IN HIS LIES!"



"...BUT THAT DIDN'T BELIE THE FACT THAT KODOS AND I WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THE SKIRMISH. IT WAS A TERRIBLE DAY..."



"I WOULD BEAR SCARS, INNER AND OUTER FROM THOSE EVENTS."

"I EXILED MYSELF THIS TIME -- I HAD CAUSED ENOUGH PROBLEMS FOR OVERLANDER AND MOBIAN ALIKE!"

"YES... IT WAS A TERRIBLE DAY FOR US ALL..."

"I HADN'T GONE VERY FAR IN MY TRAVELS WHEN I, BY PURE ACCIDENT, STUMBLED DOWN THE HOLLOW STUMP OF A ONCE PROUD OAK...

"...AND FOUND MYSELF IN AN UNDERGROUND GROTTO LEADING TO A HIDDEN VALLEY NEATLY TUCKED AWAY BENEATH THE THICK EXPANSE OF UNDERBRUSH.

"I COULD HAVE LIVED OUT THE REST OF MY DAYS IN THAT IDYLIC SETTING...

"...BUT I DIDN'T. HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING MY WAY BACK UP THROUGH THAT SUBTLE KNOTHOLE IN THE FOREST FLOOR, I LEFT A MOMENTO WITHIN MY LOST WORLD.

"THE RING TECHNOLOGY WAS TOO POWERFUL A FORCE-- BEINGS LIKE IXIS AND KODOS WOULD SEEK TO EXPLOIT IT FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES.

"SO, I DROPPED THE RING-FORGE INTO A DEEP, MURKY LAKE WHERE NO ONE WOULD EVER FIND IT.

"FOR MANY SEASONS I TRUDGED ONWARD UNTIL I CAME TO THE SNOWY WASTELANDS OF THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA.

"DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TEMPERATURE HERE, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD, ALWAYS REMAINS BELOW ZERO DEGREES FAHRENHEIT? I HAD BECOME SO NUMB FROM THE PAIN OF MY PAST THAT I HARDLY FELT IT.

SPLOOSH!

ROWRGH!

"BUT WAS I NUMB ENOUGH?

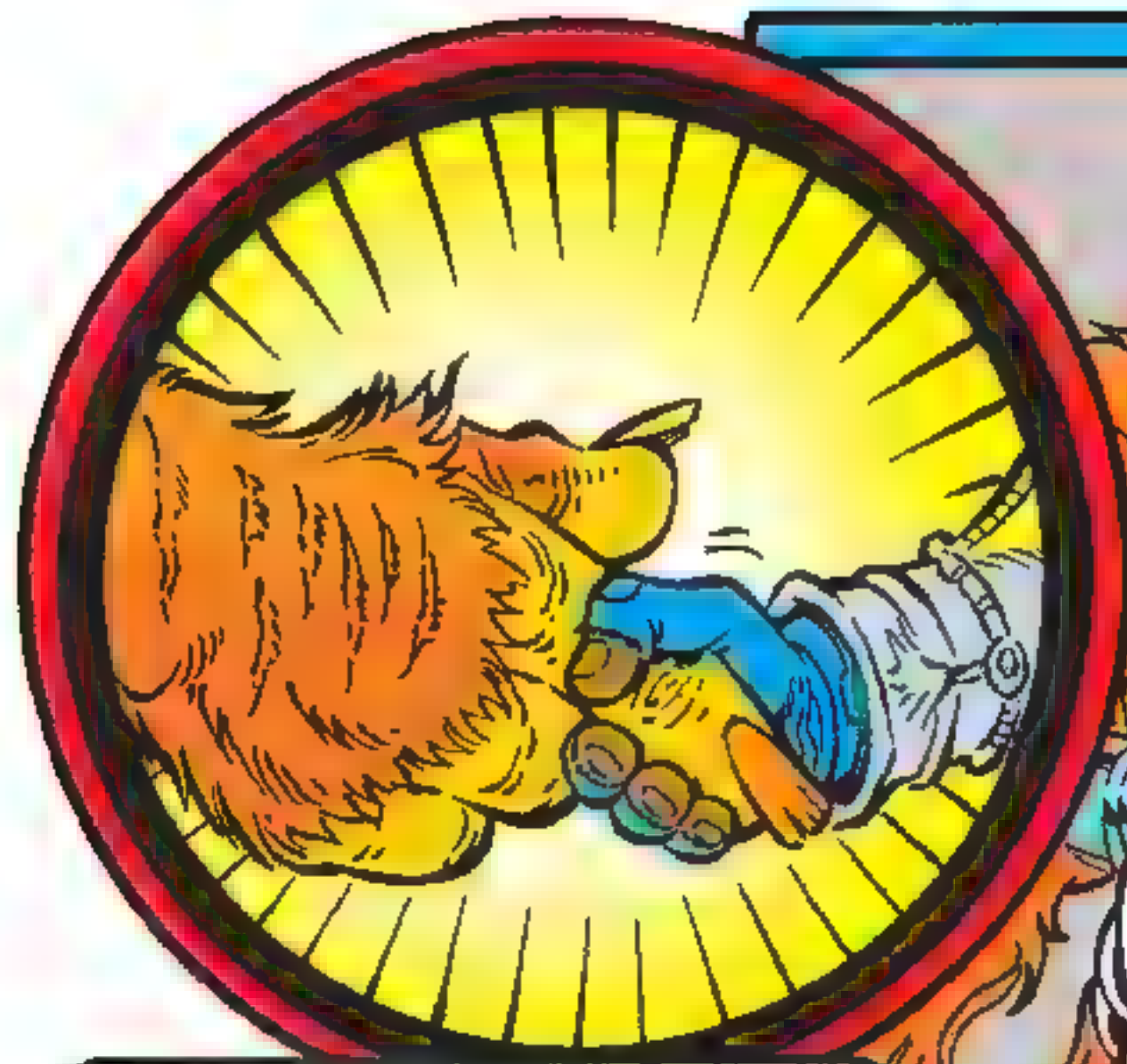
"AMONG THE OVERLANDERS, THERE HAD BEEN WHISPERS OF MUTATES THAT HAD BEEN CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE 'DAYS OF FURY' THAT OCCURRED CENTURIES PAST.

"THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE SNOW-BEAST TRAPPED BENEATH THE FALLEN AVALANCHE WAS SUCH A CREATURE...

"...BUT TO HEAR ITS ANGHISHED VOICE ...TO SEE ITS PLEADING EYES CONFIRMED TO ME THAT PAIN WAS REAL TO IT AS IT WAS TO ANY MOBIAN OR OVERLANDER.

"BUT I HAD SWORN TO NEVER INVOLVE MYSELF IN THE AFFAIRS OF EITHER GROUP...

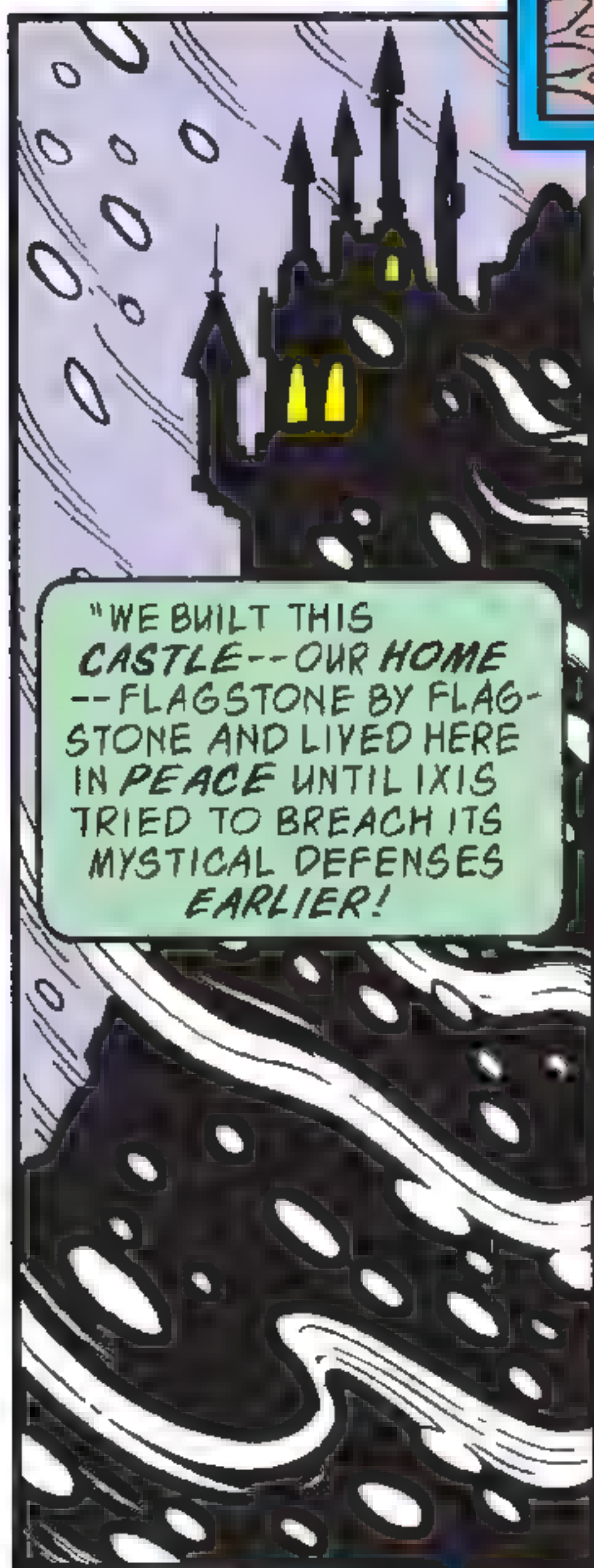
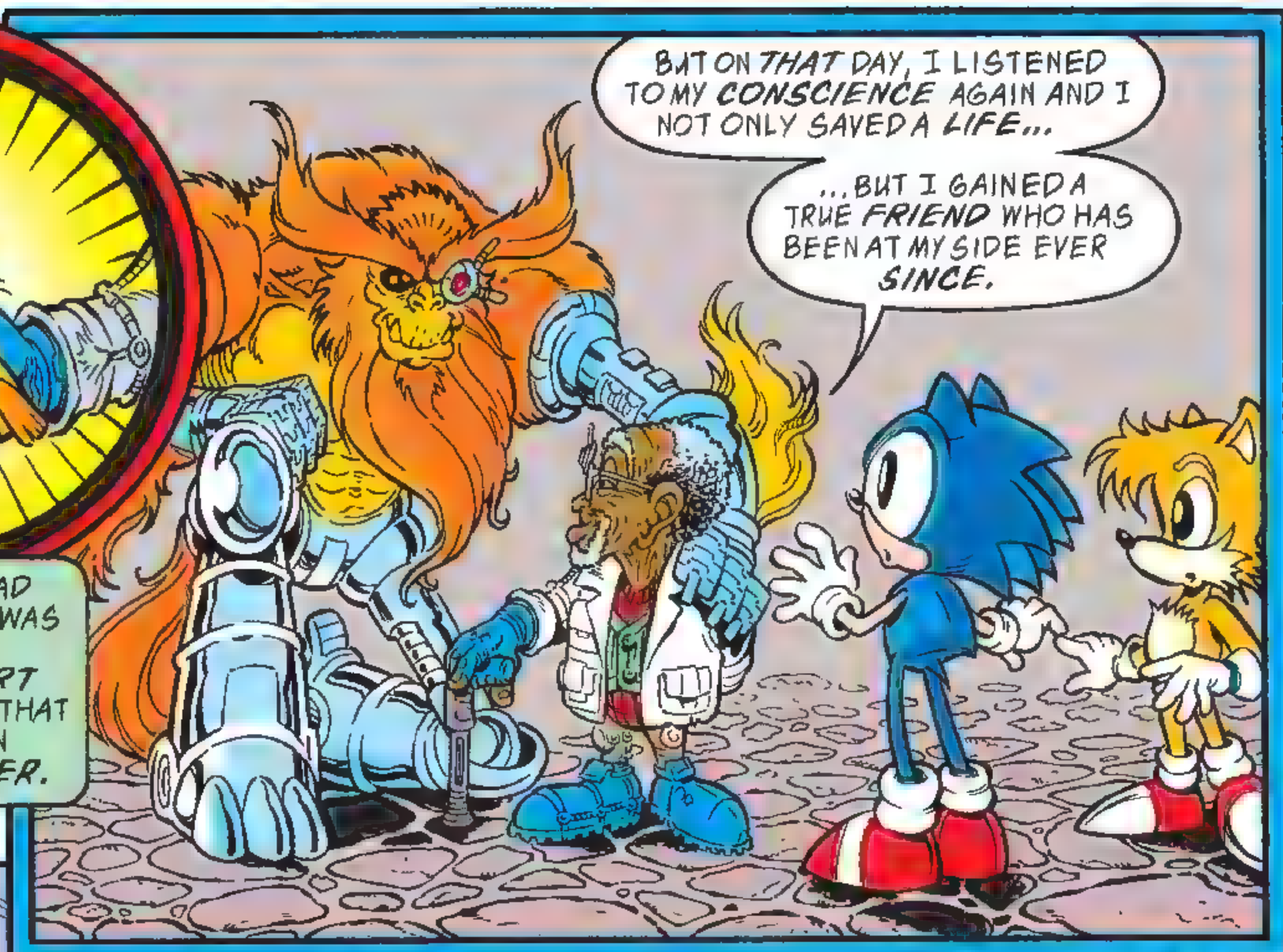
"...HADN'T I?"



"MY ONE *WEAKNESS* HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT I WAS A *SCIENTIST* WHO FOLLOWED HIS *HEART* AND NOT HIS *BRAIN*; THAT CHOICE WOULD OFTEN LEAD ME INTO *DISASTER*."

BUT ON *THAT DAY*, I LISTENED TO MY *CONSCIENCE* AGAIN AND I NOT ONLY SAVED A *LIFE*...

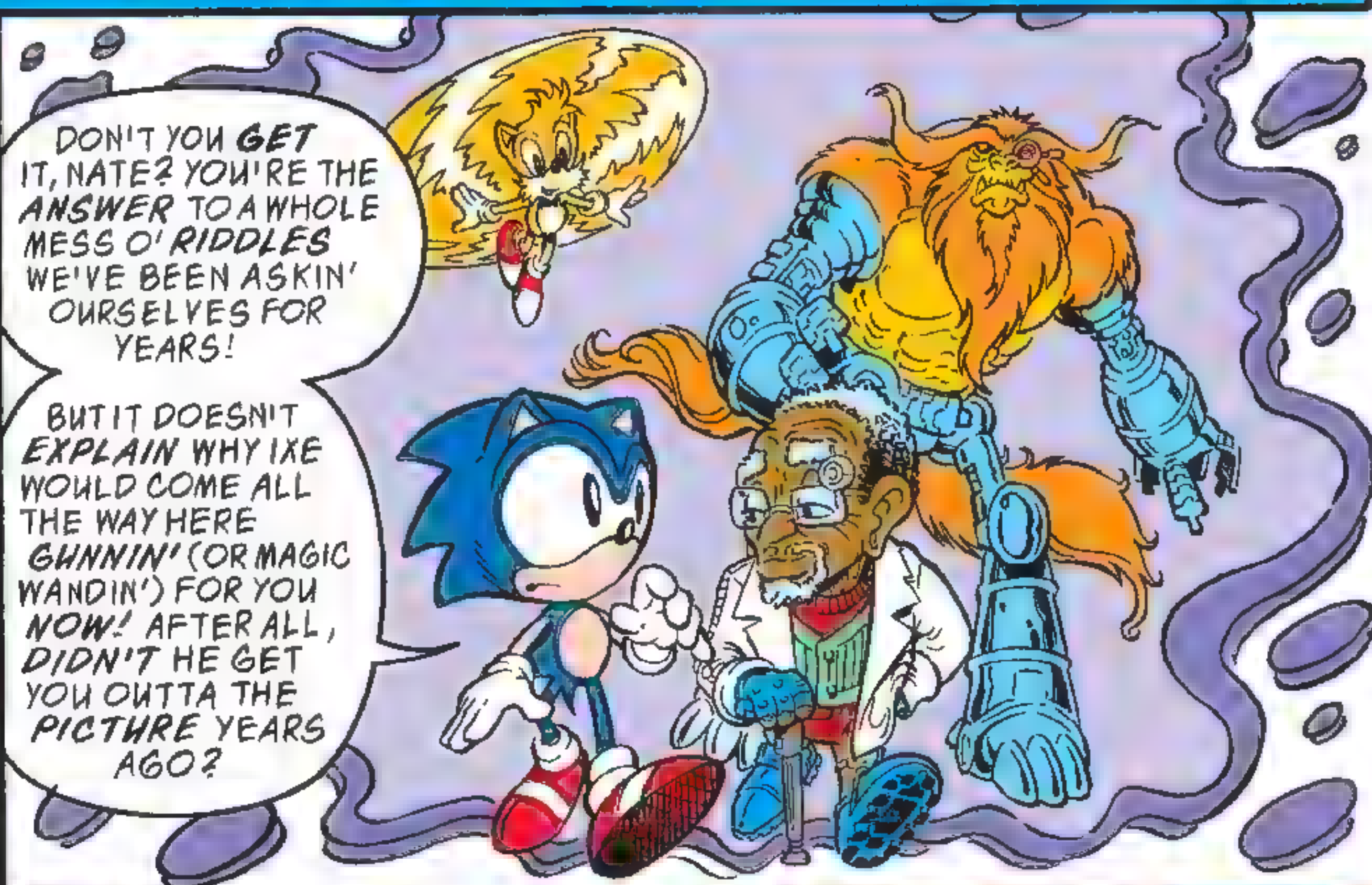
...BUT I GAINED A *TRUE FRIEND* WHO HAS BEEN AT MY SIDE EVER *SINCE*.



"WE BUILT THIS *CASTLE*--OUR *HOME*--FLAGSTONE BY FLAGSTONE AND LIVED HERE IN *PEACE* UNTIL *IXE* TRIED TO BREACH ITS MYSTICAL DEFENSES *EARLIER*!"

DON'T YOU *GET* IT, NATE? YOU'RE THE *ANSWER* TO A WHOLE MESS O' *RIDDLES* WE'VE BEEN ASKIN' OURSELVES FOR YEARS!

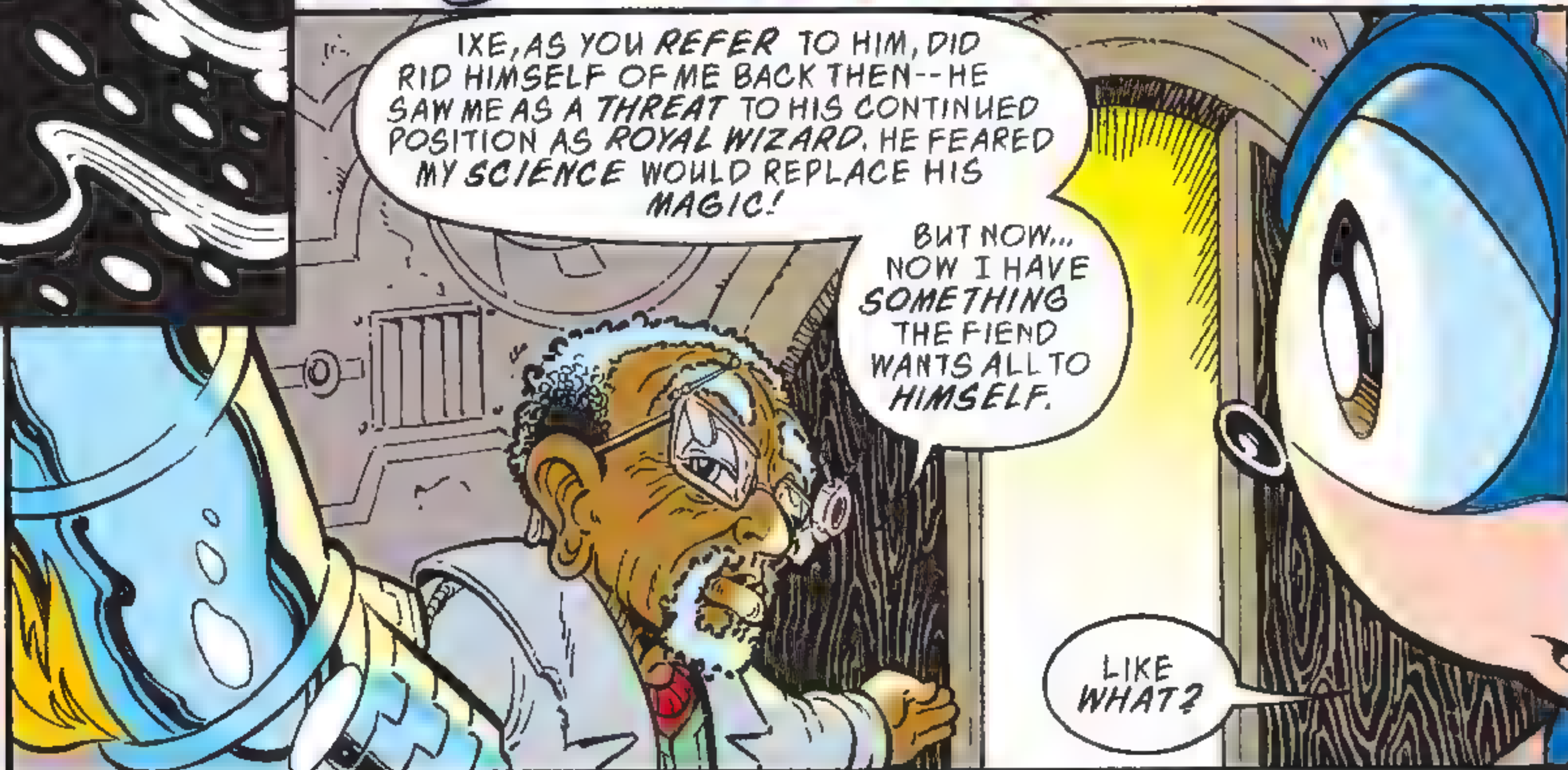
BUT IT DOESN'T *EXPLAIN* WHY *IXE* WOULD COME ALL THE WAY HERE *GHNNIN'* (OR *MAGIC WANDIN'*) FOR YOU NOW! AFTER ALL, DIDN'T HE GET YOU OUTTA THE *PICTURE* YEARS AGO?

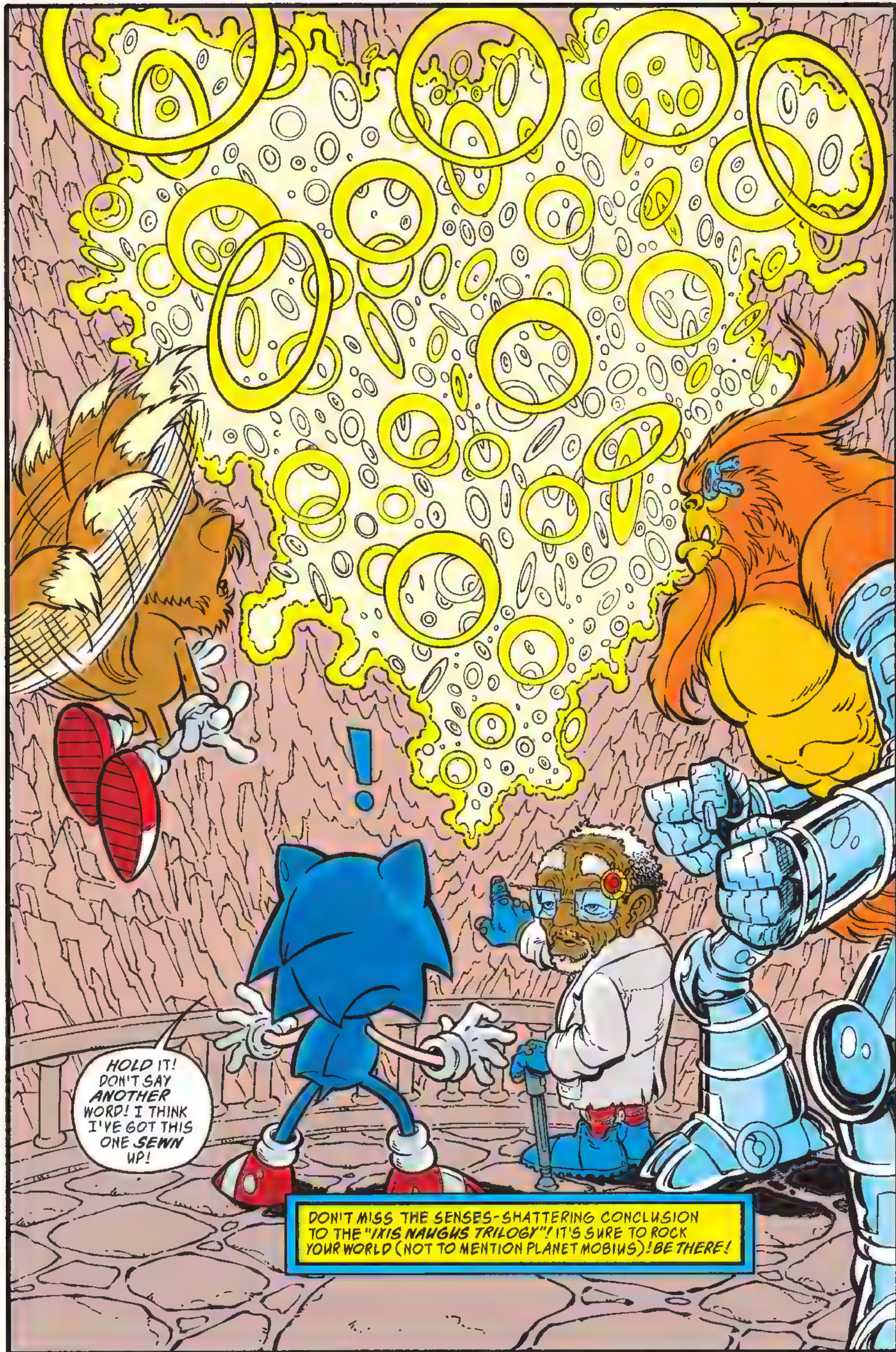


IXE, AS YOU REFER TO HIM, DID RID HIMSELF OF ME BACK THEN--HE SAW ME AS A *THREAT* TO HIS CONTINUED POSITION AS *ROYAL WIZARD*. HE FEARED MY *SCIENCE* WOULD REPLACE HIS *MAGIC*!

BUT NOW... NOW I HAVE *SOMETHING* THE FIEND WANTS ALL TO *HIMSELF*.

LIKE WHAT?





AMY ROSE & DULCY THE DRAGON IN: THE LIBRARY

SOMEWHERE INSIDE A BUILDING
NOT TOO FAR FROM WHAT USED
TO BE ROBOTNIK'S COMMAND
CENTER...

AMY ROSE!
AMY ROSE!

IN HERE,
DULCY!

WAIT'LL
YOU SEE
WHAT I
FOUND!

WRITTEN, INKED and
COLORED by
KEN
PENDERS

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JEFF
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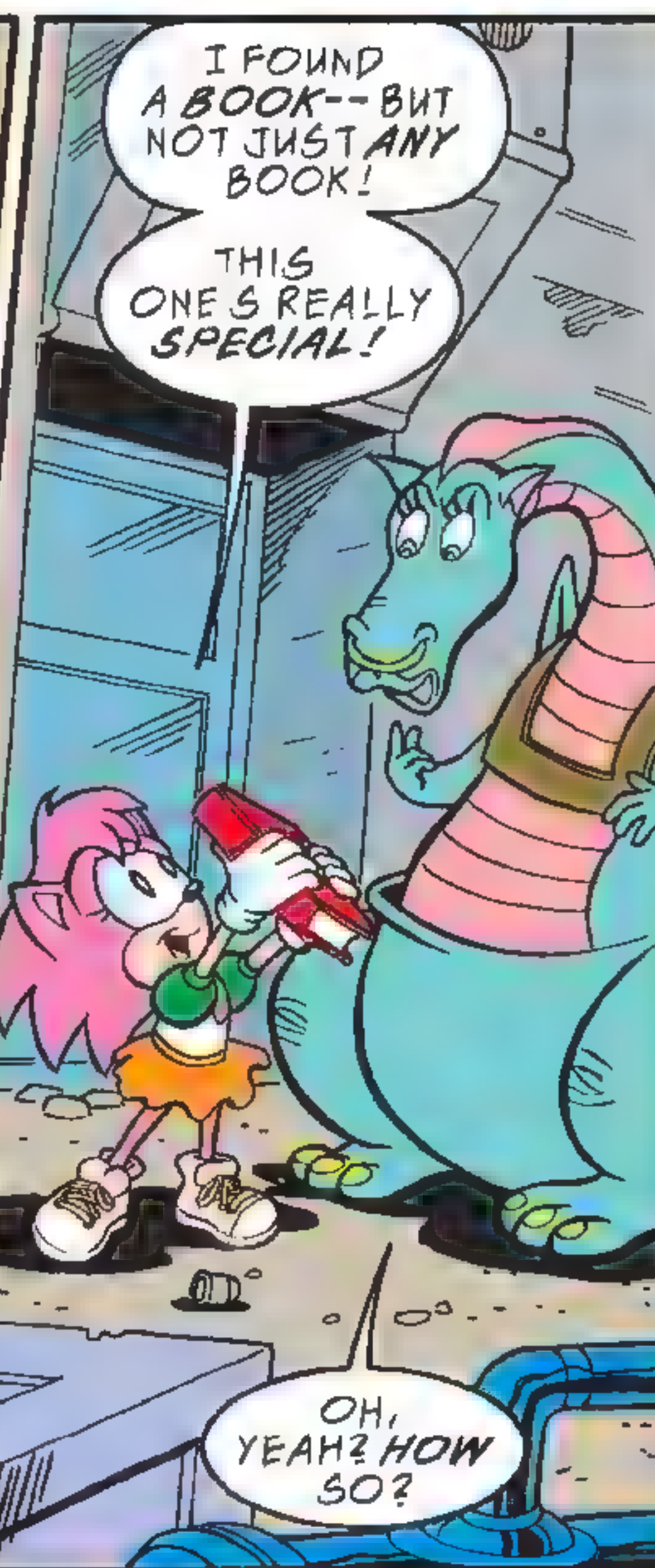
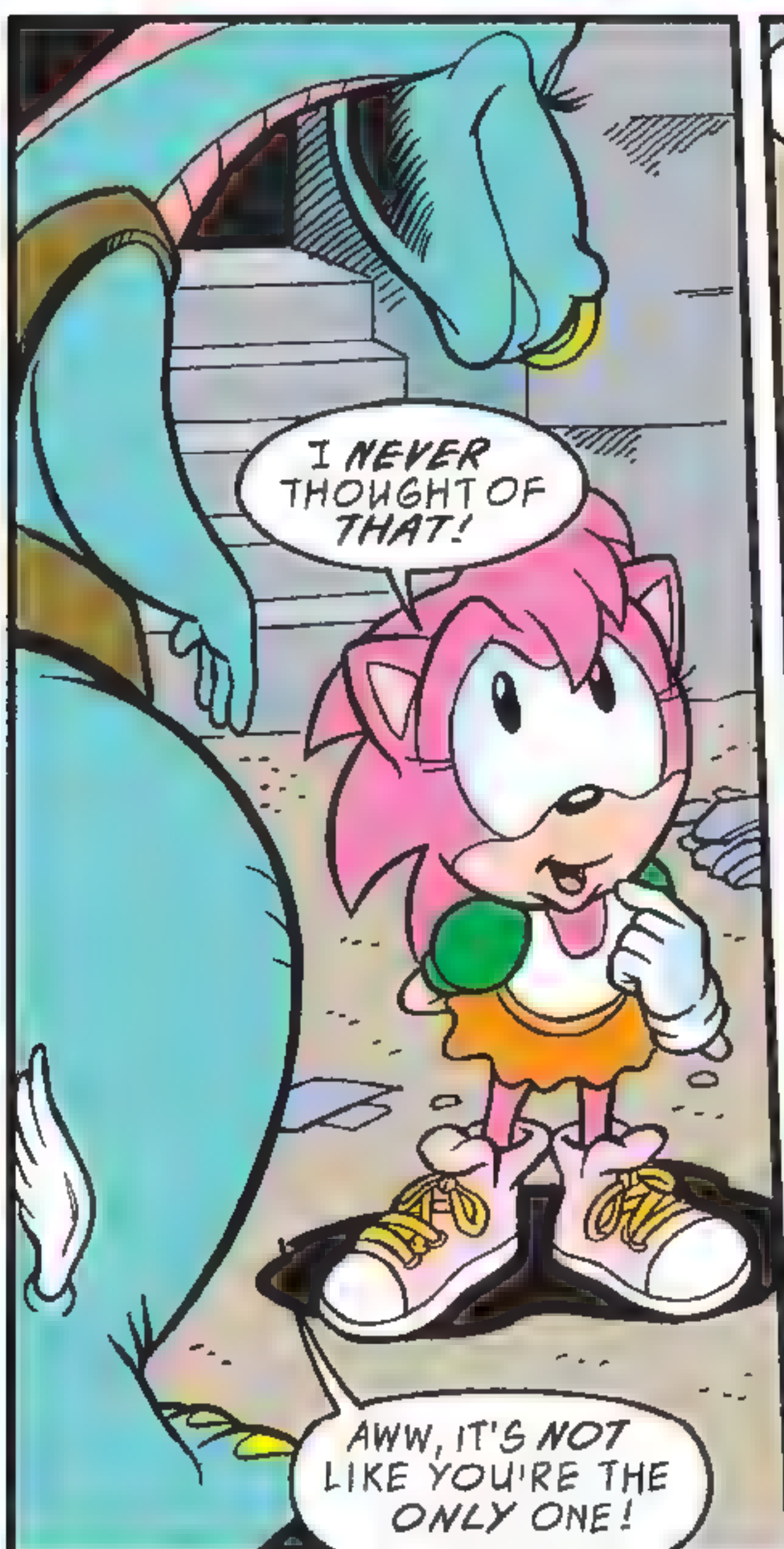
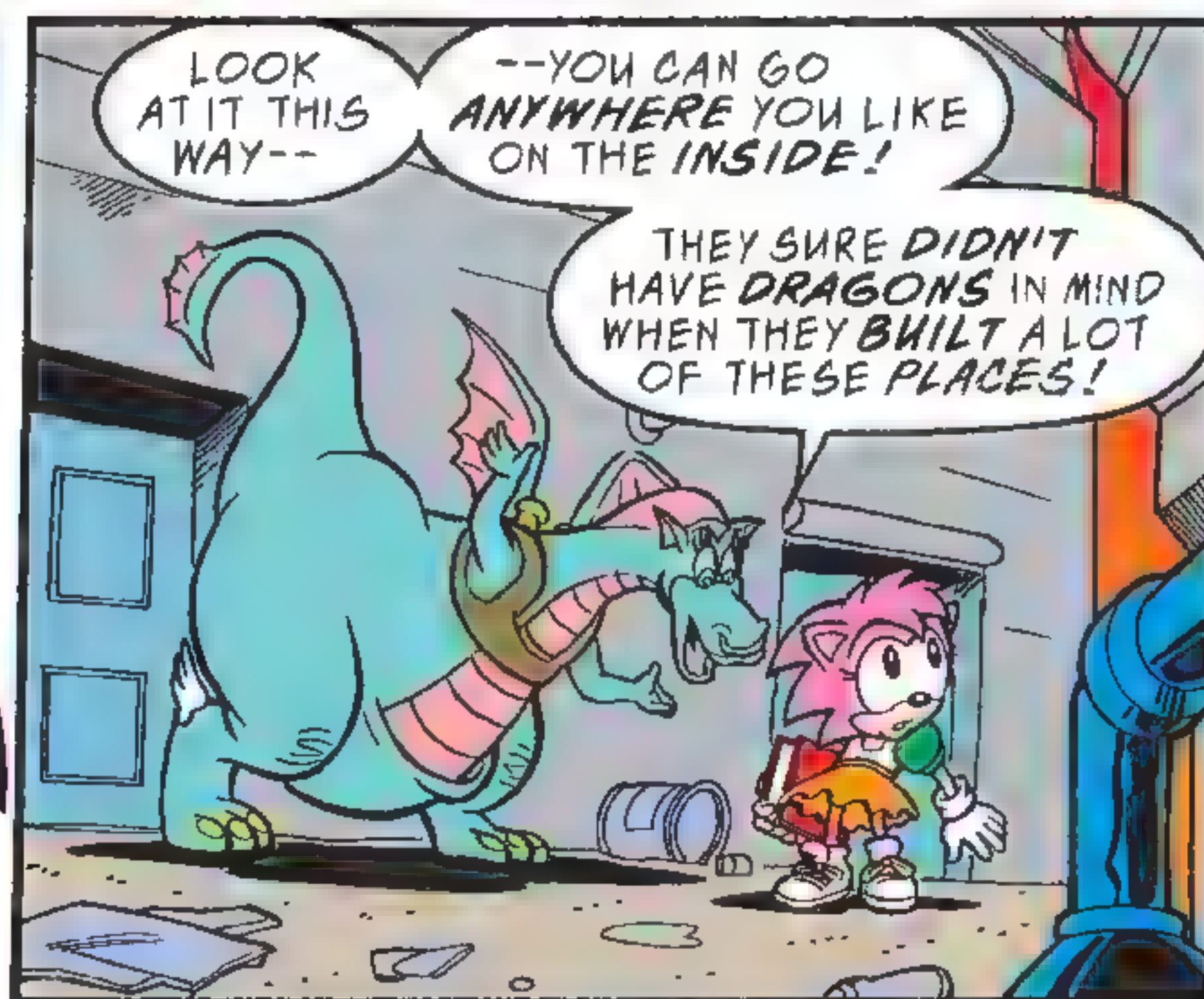
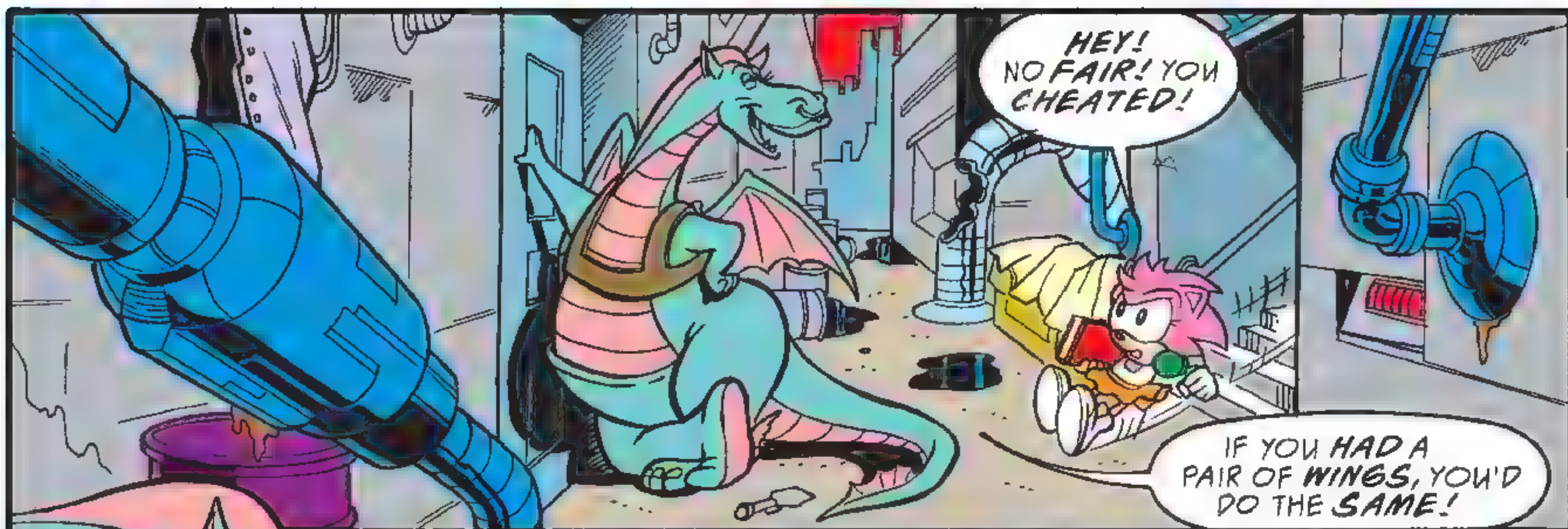
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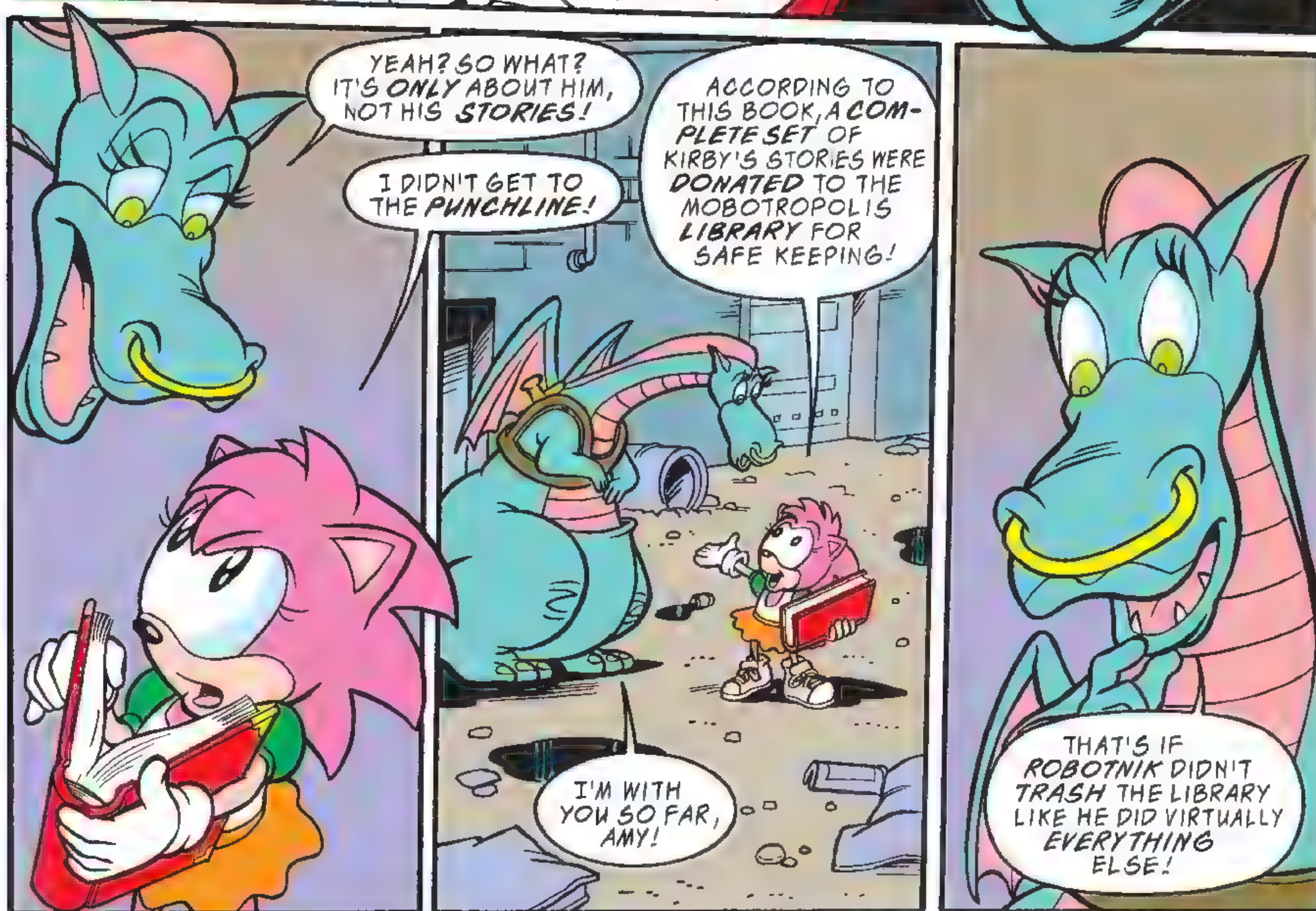
-- BUT I'M AFRAID
THERE'S MORE OF ME
THAN THERE IS ROOM
INSIDE!

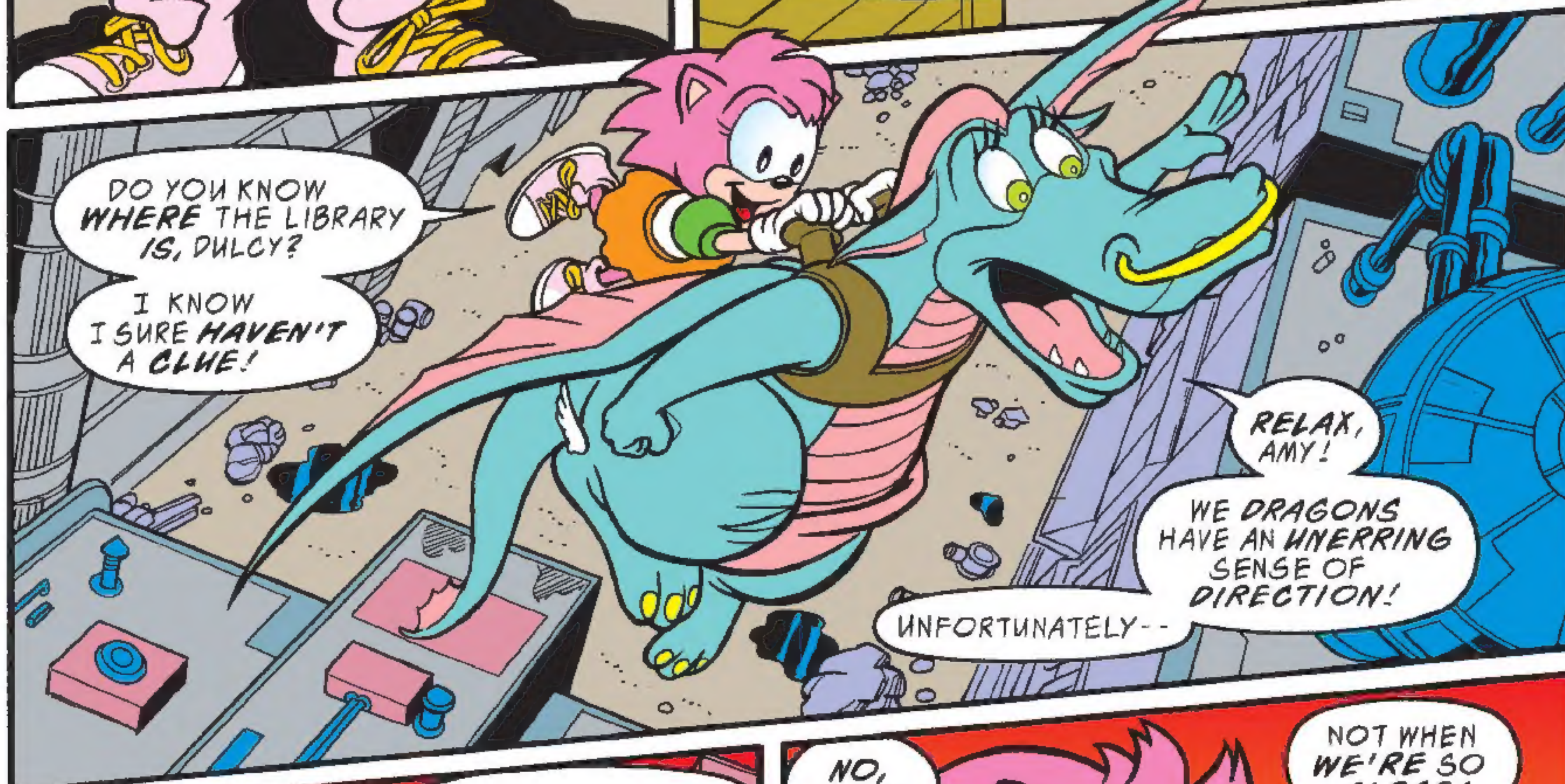
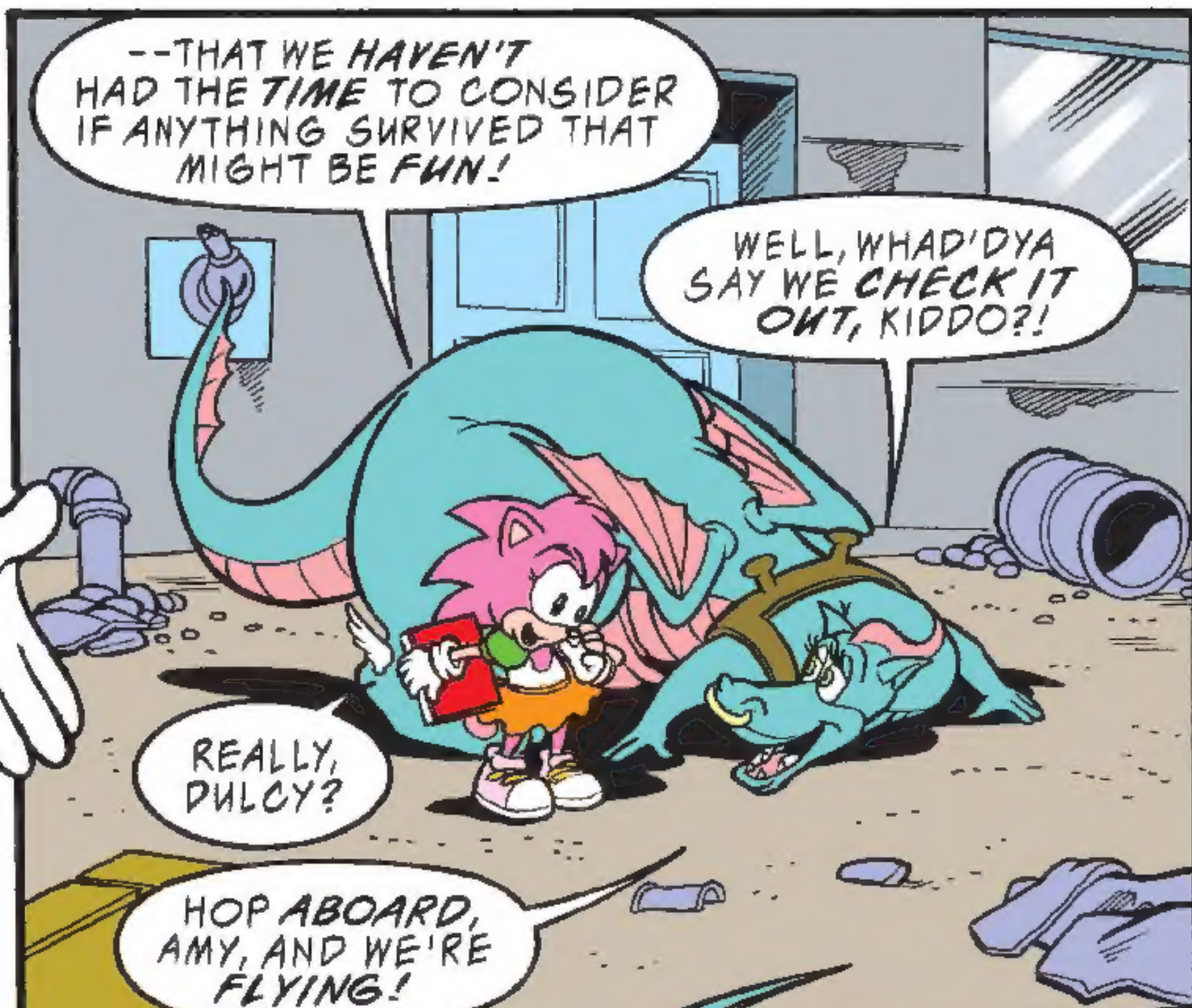
OH, I'M
SORRY,
DULCY!

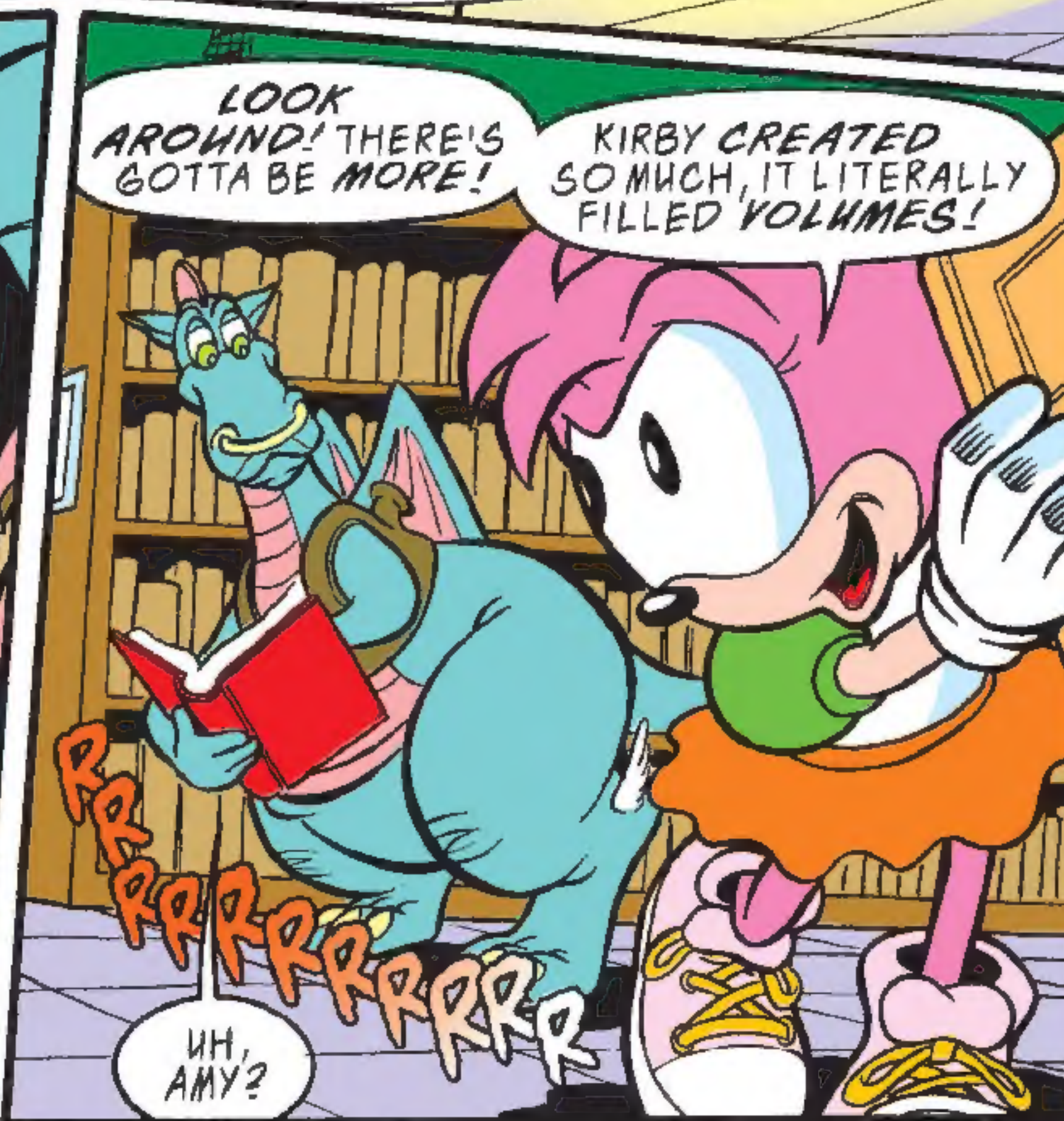
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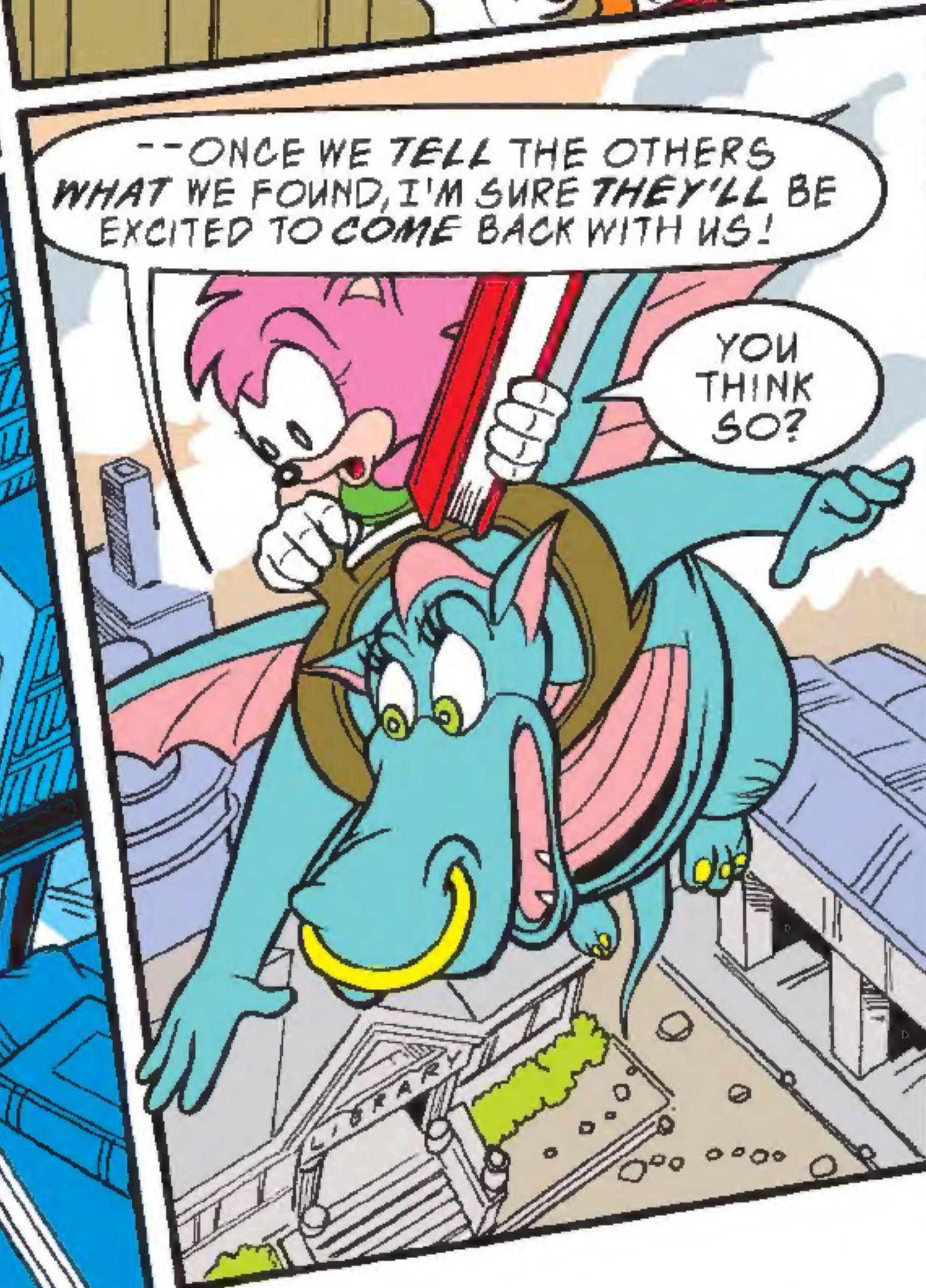
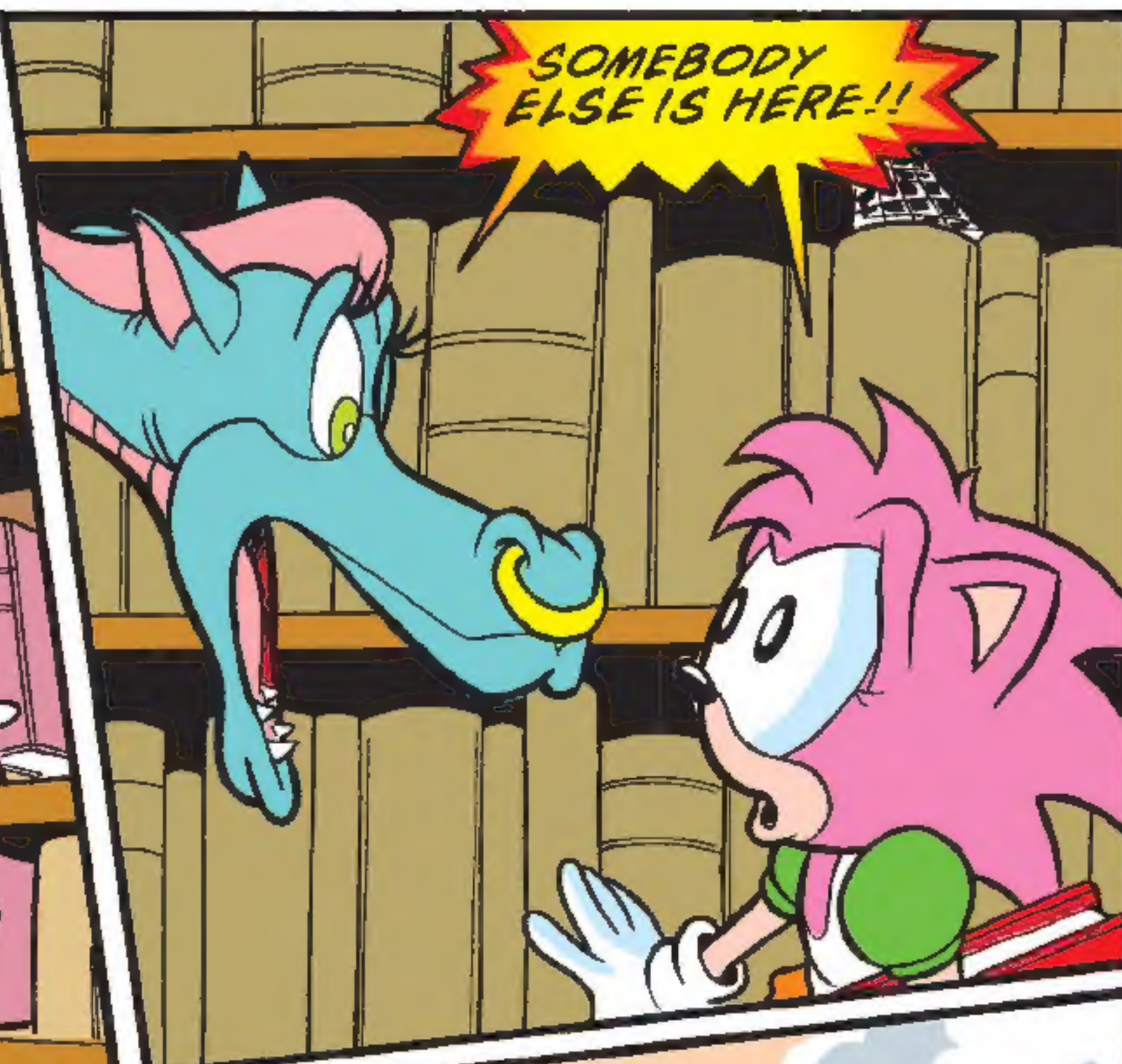
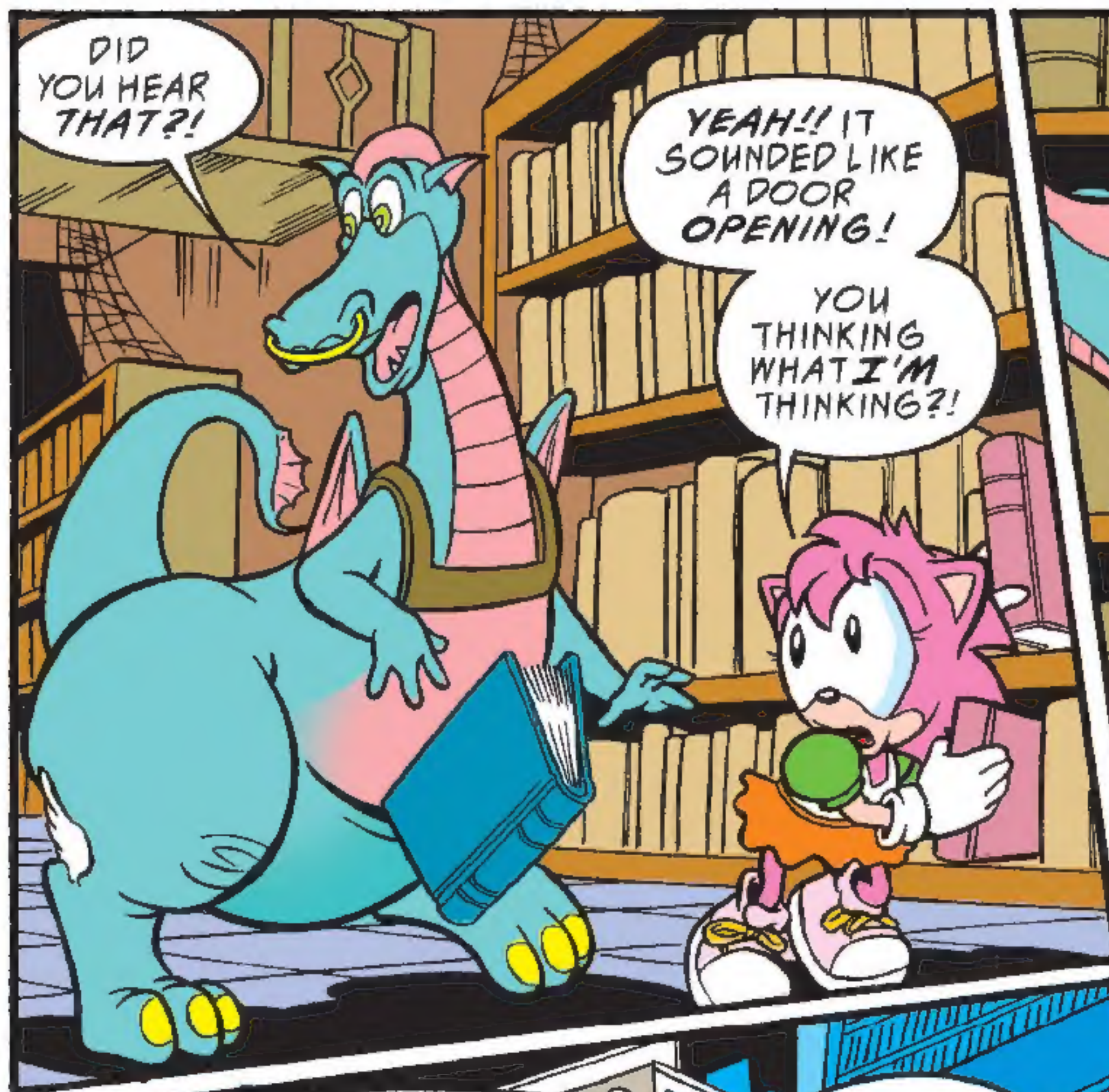
I'LL RACE
YOU DOWNSTAIRS!
THIS YOU JUST
GOTTA SEE!







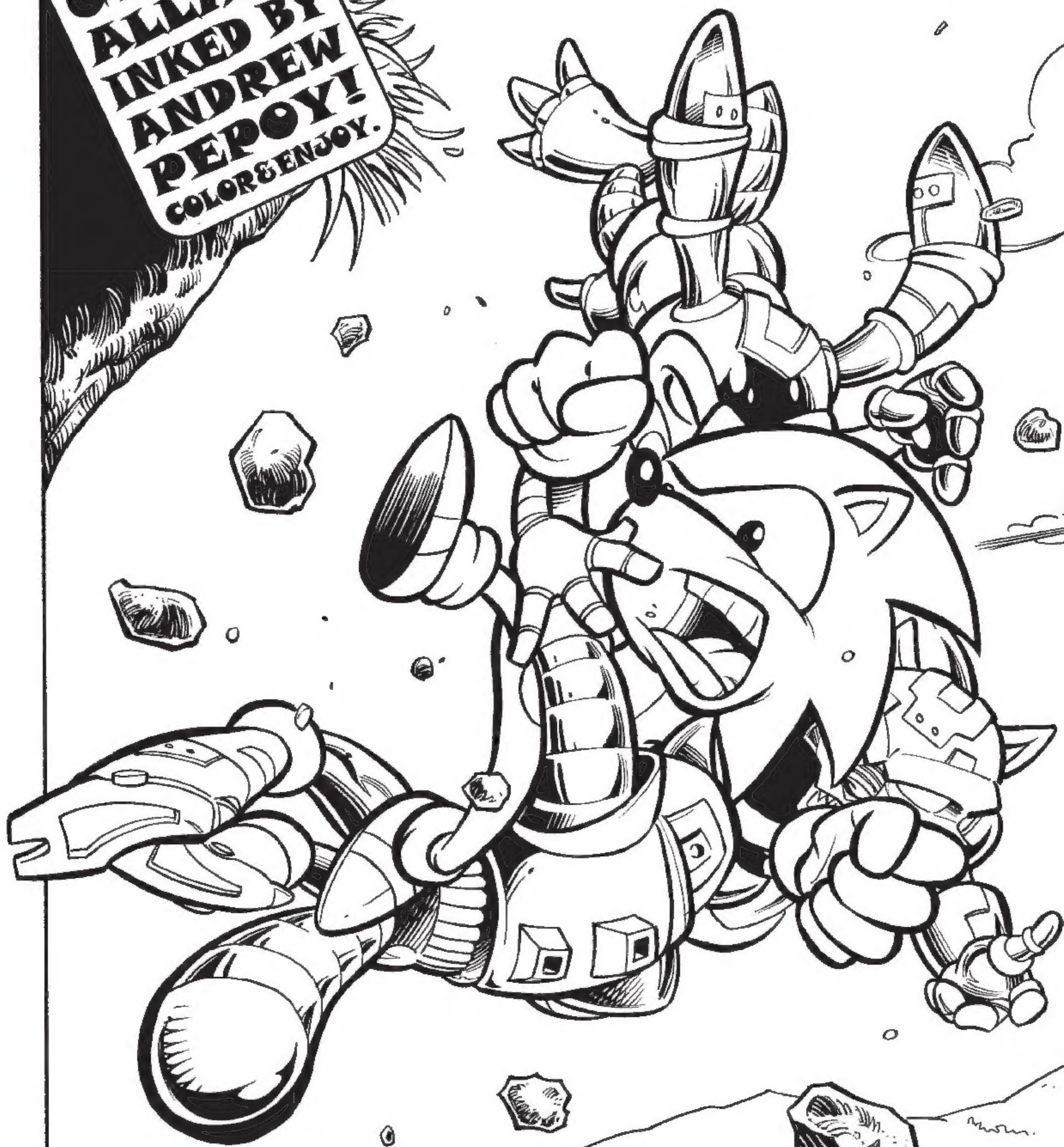




THE FULL STORY IS RARELY EVER TOLD, WITH MANY LAYERS UPON LAYERS, WAITING TO BE PEELED AWAY! THERE ARE *MANY SECRETS* WAITING TO BE EXPLORED IN *MOBOTROPOLIS*, THE *LIBRARY* BEING ONLY ONE OF *THEM*! NEXT ISSUE, HOWEVER, OUR ATTENTION TURNS TO...

THE ORIGIN OF
IXIS
NAUGUS!

PRO ART BY
FORMER TURTLES
ARTIST
**CHRIS
ALLAN!**
INKED BY
**ANDREW
PEPOY!**
COLOR & ENJOY.



ALLAN/PEPOY